ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Riverside Branch 255 - September 2019 Bulletin





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REMEMBERING

♥ All Veterans, Legion & L.A. 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.

Legion Week

The first Legion Week was held in 1953 by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 113 in Dresden. It took 27 years, but in 1980 the Command Provincial Executive Committee decided Legion Week should be an annual event across all of Ontario.

LEGION WEEK - Terry St. Louis / 2nd Vice President

Please keep in mind the week of September 15th is Legion week, we will be holding our ceremony at the Memorial on Provincial Rd. At the cemetery. on **Friday Sept. 20th at 11:00AM**. This ceremony lasts about 20 minutes and is quite nice. Then Everyone is encouraged to come and join us back at the Branch to dedicate our New Afghanistan / Vietnam Memorial in front of the branch. Afterwards we will all have a light lunch inside. I hope to see you there

Legion week prize a day free give away starting on Sept 16th until Sept 20th. On each day we will have a different prize to give away. All you have to do is come into the legion and fill out a ballot for a chance to win that prize on that day. The next day we start over with a new prize and new ballots. One ballot per person per day.

We will be having a colouring contest for the little ones starting on Sept 1st till the end of Legion week. Come in and pick up a colouring page for your child or grand child to Colour at home then return it back to the branch 255 for your child to have a chance to win a prize. Be sure to put your child's name and phone number on it.



BRANCH 255 (85 YEARS CELEBRATION)SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th / 12-4PM

We have been supporting our Veterans and the Windsor Community since 1934. (1934-2019)

Let us show you what we are all about. **VETERANS, FAMILY, THE COMMUNITY, and FUN.** This is a Free Community Event full of fun for everyone.

There will be: Free Hotdogs - Free Cotton Candy - Cake, while supplies last. Bouncy castle - Free face painting - Free animal balloons - Kids Scavenger Hunt CHARITY dunk tank - Music - The Diplomats perform at 1:30-2PM, Sisters of Choice Trio 3PM. Be sure to stop by their recruiting booth. Their program is run out of Riverside and is free. And so much more

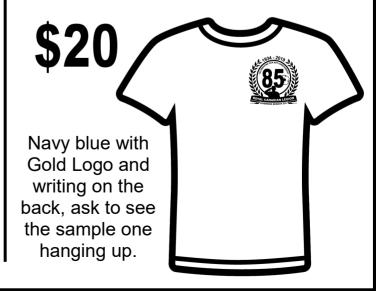


DUNK your favourite Charity Leader
For a donation of \$5 or more you get 3 balls
to try to dunk them. Each charity will
receive all the money they earn for their
cause during their hour in the dunk tank.

- * Family Services
- * The Windsor Youth Centre
 - * The Downtown Mission
- * Big Brothers/ Big Sisters



85 Year Anniversary T-shirt
You can pick one up anytime at the bar.
All proceeds go to help pay for our
85 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FAMILY
DAY CELEBRATION.



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255

A BIT OF BRANCH 255'S HISTORY

Colonel E.S. Wigle Branch 255, was founded in 1934. The present building was opened on June 30th, 1939 and has had several additions put on during it's long history.

The idea of the Riverside Legion first originated in the 1930's when, Captain B.J. Dunlevy realized the necessity of maintaining the comradeship formed

by the men who served in the First World War while looking after their welfare. With this in mind he called a meeting at the Riverside Town Hall in 1934 and invited all veterans of the Great War to attend this meeting.

After some discussion it was decided to call this newly formed association the Riverside War Veterans Association and later it was agreed to affiliate with the Empire-wide organization, forming a new branch of the Canadian Legion. It is interesting to note that while the headquarters were temporarily at the Riverside Town Hall, some of the meetings were held in the homes of the various members of the newly formed branch.

In 1935, the Legion moved to it's own home, the former residence of Mr William Furlong on Riverside Drive.

The branch continued it's slow but healthy progress, moving to the St. Clair Hotel on the shores of the Detroit River. By 1936, the Branch felt the need for club rooms and the headquarters were moved to 1533 Ottawa Street (Wyandotte St. today) where it maintained for the next two and one half years.

Building lots were purchased in 1937, between Villaire and St. Louis Avenues, and plans were drawn-up for the erection of the building we know today. Through the years, the Riverside Legion Br 255, has participated in all local patriotic events and has supported many youth athletic leagues.

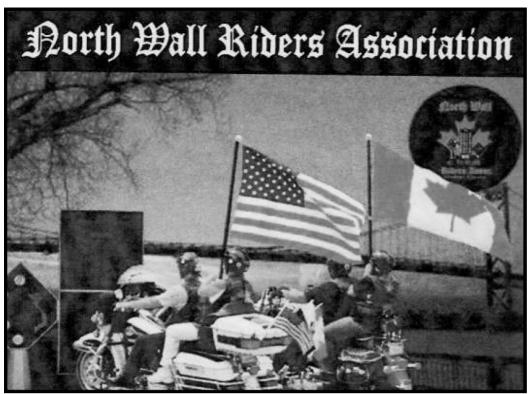
Last year the Riverside Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 raised \$52 580.75 during our two week Poppy Campaign for Windsor's Veterans. Branch 255 was also able to donate \$82,029.57 to our local community, and Windsor charities.

The Riverside Royal Canadian Legion is very proud of all of our achievements and to be apart of the Riverside Community for 85 years.

BE PART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

They served and sacrificed for our freedoms. Becoming a member of the Legion is the ultimate way to show your gratitude and give your support.

You don't have to be a Veteran to join and make a difference.



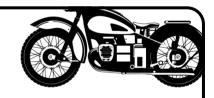


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WHEELS ON WYANDOTTE

Saturday, September 7th. 9th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show



4300 to 5900 Wyandotte Street East, Show starts at 11:00AM to 4:00PM. As always, a great car and motorcycle show which includes family entertainment. This years event will include the Rock Climbing Wall, 50/50 Draw to benefit Crimestoppers, free balloons for the kids, Face Painting, Bikes for little Tykes by the Safety Village, Mini Putting Course, and Wilma from Riverside Library who will be available to set you up with a new Library card and chat books.

Two Five Five Restaurant & Catering will be Barbecuing deliciousness outside in front of the Legion, and the kitchen will be open inside. Meat draw happening inside and a 50/50 draw.

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SKY ZONE



SPORTS REPORT - Brian Crockett / Chairman

Dart season is fast approaching we will be having darts on Tuesday nights, Wednesdays, and now Thursdays (new league) and Friday men's league. We will need 3 new track lights for the Empire Rooms dart boards at a cost of around \$200 + tax. Also we will need 8 new dart boards at a cost of \$76.99 per board total \$615.92 + tax. We will be selling the old boards at \$20.00 a board.

The Wednesday Mixed Dart league is looking for players if interested, call Barb Cronmiller 519-966-1156. They will be starting September 4th.

Life IS BETTER when you're LAUGHING!

BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY! I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. ..He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."... I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

The Southwestern Ontario Military Family Resource centre with the help of some non profit organizations are putting on a FREE event at Sky Zone for Military families. Its going to be a bouncing great time. You also get free drinks and free sky zone camo socks.

This event is happening on Oct 6th at 10:00 AM.

Ckeck the link to see if your MILITARY family qualifies for this event. Sounds like it's going to be a blast.

https://www.facebook.com/events/714455155662625/?ti=icl



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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255

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Congratulations on your 85th Anniversary!

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 for your continued support of the Hospice of Windsor & Essex County Inc.



VETERAN VOICES OF CANADA FLAGS OF REMEMBRANCE



Saturday Sept 21st, 2019 at Assumption Park. Opening ceremony begins at 1:30PM



A BIG thank you to our brother in-law Paul Michaud of Bonduelle for the delicious corn they once again provided for our General Membership Meeting that Bonduelle provided for our General Membership Meeting that was held on Thursday Aug 22nd. Thank you Rob & Mary Garant for your help. Much appreciated! (By: Jim & Elaine Dunn)

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT - Quice Tubute / Chairman

As was reported last month, we have begun the repairs to the kitchen ceiling. Sunday Aug. 11, Barry and I, with the help of our clean-up crew of Lynn Girard and Bob and Mary Garant, removed the old ceiling and were able to fully assess our needs. Monday, we rehung the structural steel which had come loose, and added additional reinforcement. We have purchased the drywall and supplies and will install it as early as possible. New LED lighting was purchased and installed temporarily and it looks good.

We had estimated an expenditure in the neighbourhood of \$600-\$700 and so far we are well under that.

POPPY CAMPAIGN - WE NEED YOU!

Mark the dates and plan on participating!







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Veterans Emergency Transition Services



www.vetscanada.org/

Ground Support for Veterans

Guitars for Vets Canada

A program that matches veterans and still-serving members with PTSD or other service related disabilities with a gently used guitar and online lessons / volunteer lessons where available. Putting the healing power of music in the hands of heroes.

Learn to Play

If you are a veteran, soldier, or RCMP member with a service-related injury or disability and you want to learn to play the guitar, please fill out our application form. https://vetscanada.org/guitars-for-vets-form-students.php

Get started playing today with Online Beginner Guitar Lessons from Dempster Guitar Studio.

Experiences you can't get anywhere else!

Have you been seeing all of the fun and exciting activities our Cadets have been involved in this summer?

Do you think this may be something you're children or grand-children would be interested in trying out?

Check out our Cadet Corps and Squadron Directory to find the closest cadet corps or squadron, and be sure to check out our "Join Cadets" page. www.cadets .ca

To join the **2828 Royal Canadian Army Cadets** call today 519-256-6565 Training starts on September 9th. 4007 Sandwich St, Windsor, ON N9C 1C3



LEGION RIDER REPORT - Pruce Tilbute / Road Captain, Legion Riders Branch 255

The Branch 255 Legion Riders joined with the North Wall Riders July 27 for the Korean War Memorial Ride to the Monument at Dieppe Park.

Over the Civic Holiday Weekend, we attended the Hogs 4 Hospice Rally in Leamington. All of our members were in attendance, as roughly 4000 other Motorcyclists taking part in a very well-organized ride through Point Pelee to Wheatley and around the area, followed by fun and frolic at Seacliff Park. The event has become bigger and better each year of the 4 years it has been held and has raised an amazing amount of financial support for the Hospice.

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The Royal Canadian Legion

DISTRICT "A" 2019 FALL CONVENTION

Date: October 18, 19, 20th, 2019 Location: Host Zone A-5 Branch 598 11577 Longswoods Rd. Delaware, ON N0L 1E0.

WEEKLY Two five five SPECIALS RESTAURANT & GRILL

EVERY TUESDAY SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC

ONLY \$10 Bucks - Dinner 4:00 - 6:00 / Music 3:30 - 6:30PM You don't have to be a Senior to come.

EVERY WEDNESDAY - BURGER & SIDE ONLY \$8 Bucks

A juicy, delicious handmade 1/2 pound HAMBURGER with all the fixings & one side.

EVERY THURSDAY @ 4PM - RIB NITE

1/2 RACK RIBS - \$11 Bucks or FULL RACK RIBS - \$15 Bucks Enjoy fall off the bone, delicious Baby back ribs smothered in tasty BBQ sauce. (Served with your choice of soup, garden salad or fries.)

EVERY FRIDAY - FISH FRY - Call us to find out what we will be featuring. (Served with your choice of soup, garden salad or fries.)

KITCHEN HOURS

SUNDAY & MONDAY CLOSED - Open for special events booked ahead of time TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 11:30 till 8PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 11:30 till 9PM / SATURDAY 11:30 till 10PM

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT /Call Chris at 519-944-6956 or 519-945-2012
Check out our **FULL MENU** Also at www.rclbranch255.com or find us on facebook

ZONE A-1 - Jim Junn / Zone A-1 Commander

ZONE A-1 meeting is held on Monday, September 9th at Branch 12 / 7:30PM

ZONE A-1 PASTA FUNDRAISER / PASTA. SALAD. ROLL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH FROM 6-8PM Branch 12 located at 2090 Brant St. 519-256-3366 Tickets are \$10:00 each





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Elaine Dunn / Bulletin / Website





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PARKWOOD HOSPITAL - INFO FACEBOOK / Debra Thompson

On August 10 Parkwood Hospital and it's various veteran support groups put on the Summer Carnival. It was a glorious day with beautiful sunshine warm but not hot weather and low humidity. There were 80-100 volunteers with Branch 255 represented by four members. Jim Dunn, Zone A-1 Commander, Susan McAree, Secretary, Jim McAree, Mike Smith, Membership / Parkwood. The vets were brought from their rooms by many of the volunteers and some family members and enjoyed various carnival games, such as Crown and Anchor, Plinko and others. It was also very comforting seeing the number of young family members that were visiting with grand and great-grandparents. RCL 255 supports three veterans at Parkwood and George Staffen 96 yrs was in attendance.







Next General meeting will be THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH @ 7PM Members are encouraged to attend. Please bring your valid membership card.







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

July 27 the Branch 255 Colour Party participated in the Korean War Memorial Service at Dieppe Park. It was well-attended, with guest speakers and dignitaries. As an added bonus, the weather co-operated as well.

Monday, August 19, the Branch 255 Colour Party carried colours in the Battle of Dieppe Commemoration at Dieppe Park. I need to mention that it is a bit disappointing that more Branch members choose not to attend these ceremonies to honour those who fought and died for our freedom. Much work and planning goes into preparing these events and they should be recognized. We are preparing to attend the Afghanistan and UN-NATO peacekeepers Memorial ceremony Sunday, September 8, 11:00 am at Reaume Park, I am personally inviting all members to attend and show how a Legion Branch can CARE. Please come out and show your support for our Veterans.

Sunday, Sept 15 at Dieppe Park at 2:00 pm, we will be participating in the Battle of Britain memorial Service. Once again, all are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, Sept 21, we will be participating in the Veterans Voices of Canada Flags of Remembrance Project. This will take place at Ambassador Park on the River. Those who wish to honour loved-ones who served our country purchased flags and commemorative plaques in the name of their Veterans. 128 flags will be flown for a month, followed by a presentation ceremony where donors will receive their flags and plaques. This is an event you don't want to miss.





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This is a great opportunity to serve our Windsor Veterans.

Assistance with VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

If you or someone you know might be eligible for Veterans Affairs Canada benefits, we can help. The Legion's Veterans Services Network consists of volunteer Branch Service Officers and Professional Command Service Officers who provide assistance at all stages of the disability claim process, whether or not you are a Legion member. If you, a friend or family member needs assistance with VAC:

Phone: 613-591-3335 / Toll-free: 1-877-534-4666 / veteransservices@legion.ca





BURSARY REPORT - Linda Tettey / Chairman

Now that the summer is over, students will be enrolling in a University or College. If you have a student enrolling, or going back to University or College, please pick up a Branch Poppy Bursary application, available at the bar.

A copy of their student card must be attached to the application. Also don't forget the Mary Turner Bursary, available to second year students and up from the University of Windsor. Deadline is Oct. 31, 2019. Brochures on how to apply, available at the bar.

Criteria for a Bursary, must be a Veteran, Children of a Veteran, Grandchildren of a Veteran or Great-grandchildren. Also Bursaries are for full time students.

Thank you to everyone who came out. There were 12 teams in all. What a great group of players. We had so much fun. **Congratulations** to Colleen Renee, she won the bag. **Congrats** to all of our winners who won for their golfing skills on the golf course and to all who won door prizes back at the branch. A huge shout out to Katherine Possamai from Parkway Massage Therapy for donating the prize for the Best decorated Golf Cart. Debra Thompson and Lynn Girard won the prize.



DID YOU KNOW???

On this day in history, September 1, 1939, the Second World War began.

The war started when Germany invaded Poland. The invasion was a result of the signing of the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact between Germany and Russia on August 23, 1939.

In a secret clause of the agreement, the ideological enemies agreed to divide Poland between them. Hitler gave orders for the Poland invasion to begin on August 26, but on August 25 he delayed the attack when he learned that Britain had signed a new treaty with Poland.

Italy proclaimed its neutrality. Britain and France declared war against Germany two days later, while Canada followed suit on September 10th.



CASINO BUS TRIP

Gateway Casino (Sarnia)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

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.



Join us for our Brain Buster Legion Week Tuesday Trivia night on Sept 17th at 7:00 PM.

Admission is Free.

Form a team of 4-6 Players and get ready to test your knowledge as you go head to head with other trivia enthusiasts in a bid to win our Trivia Cash Prize..

Invite all of your friends to make up a team or come alone and we will find a team you can join.

What an awesome way to meet new people.

Arrive no later than 6:30 pm to register your team.

Our in house kitchen will be open all evening. Have a bite to eat, grab a pint, and make yourself feel right at home. There will be a cash bar and everyone who comes will receive a free ticket for a chance to win one of our door prizes.



PUB CRAWL & STEAK BBQ

SAT. SEPT 28th / 11-5:30

Legions we will be visiting: Essex . Wheatley. Comber .
Belleriver. then to Br. 255 for a Steak BBQ served at 6PM
Bus leaves Miracle Park at 11:30AM
\$40 Bus & Dinner / \$20 Bus only / \$20 Dinner only
Must be 19+ of age

Email Debra Thompson for tickets at d.a.thomps@hotmail.com

If you are unable to come to the Ladies Aux Essex County Pub Crawl Join us for Steak BBQ Fundraiser after. Tickets are only \$20.

You get: A generous New York Strip steak cooked to perfection just the way you like it, grilled mushrooms, grilled onions, baked potato, sour cream, spring salad, and a bun.

BRANCH 255 SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

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