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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings All

Our poppy campaign is under way and a lot of people are stepping up to distribute poppies. We still need people to volunteer to make this our best campaign ever. Lynn Girard and Ken Marshall are working non-stop to make this all happen. Thank you Lynn and Ken for all your hard work.

November is here and we will begin with our Remembrance service and dedication of our new cenotaph on November 02nd at 1:00PM at the Miracle Park. Please plan on attending as this is a very important day for our branch. Following the service we will be meeting back at our branch for some libations and comradery. All are welcome. The next day on November 03rd we will be honouring our veterans with our Remembrance dinner. Doors open at 5:00PM. Then on November 11th at 11:00AM we will have our Remembrance service at our branch followed by a light lunch. Please plan on attending.

October was a very busy month for us. We would like to welcome back all our dart and pool leagues and wish them a very successful year. Our Halloween Party was an amazing success. There were a lot of very outrageous costumes and it was tough to pick a winner.

Lastly I always like to end my report by thanking our many volunteers, especially this time of year. Our branch has succeeded because of your work and dedication. Keep up the good work.

Thank You. Ken Doutt / President



LAST POST

I WEAR A POPPY WITH PRIDE

I saw a boy marching, with medals on his chest, He marched alongside Soldiers, marching six abreast, He knew it was Remembrance Day, he walked along with pride, And did his best to keep in step with the soldiers by his side.

And when the march was over, the boy looked rather tired; A soldier said. "Whose medals son?" to which the boy replied, "They belong to my Dad, but he didn't come back. He died out in Afghanistan, up on a Helmand track".

The boy looked rather sad, and a tear came to his eye; But the soldier said, "Don't worry son, I'll tell you why," He said, "Your dad marched with us today, all the bloomin way, All us soldiers knew he was here, it's like that on Remembrance Day."

The boy looked rather puzzled - he didn't understand But the soldier went on talking, and started to wave his hand, "For this great land we live in, there's a price we have to pay, To keep our Country free, and fly our flag today.

"Yes we all love fun and merriment in this country where we live, But the price was that some soldier his precious life must give; For you to go to school, my son, and worship God at will Somebody had to pay the price, so our soldiers paid the bill.

"Your dad died for us my son, for all things good and true, And I hope you can understand these words I've said to you". The boy looked up at the soldier and after a little while, His face changed expression, and he said with a beautiful smile,

"I know my dad marched here today, this our Remembrance Day, I know he did, I know he did, all the bloomin way"

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

2828 CADET LIASION - Dave Jarvis / CD1

September and October is truly becoming a very busy month for the corp. The training calendar is fully developed with such activities as:

Orienteering camp on the last weekend of September.

On the weekend of 25-27 Oct the garrison will be on an Field Training Exercise. On the 7th of Oct. I attended the annual Community Coordinating Committee at the Tilston Armouries along with all the area CO,s. Various topics were discussed such as, inter co-operation with other cadet units, Tri service cadet ball to be held in June, co-ordinator of tagging days and the army vrs navy hockey game. Later that week I attended the Garrison Support meeting along with Bruce, Dora and Ruth.

The monthly CO's parade was held on 16 of Oct. Looking into Nov. the cadets will be participating in the branch poppy drive.

A cadets view of how the new Garrison format is working by Wo Krieger

I feel that the Garrison has really expanded my knowledge about army cadets about how armoured corps run and different traditions like how they don't trench their berets and black belts. The corps coming together has personally made me a better cadet because I have had to adapt to the new condition and think on my toes. I've had to learn new cadets and the new senior group I would work with.

The combination of our corps has brought up our numbers and has made a huge difference in the number of opportunities I have been given. We have done new parades and fundraising that 2828 introduced to our corp. I believe that 1086 and 2828 coming together has been a positive change for both corps.



THANK YOU

Branch 255 member (Zone A-1 Commander) Jim Dunn would like to thank everyone who donated pins to him so the can create this frame that holds 360 Legion pins from all around the country. It will be on display at the Branch on Sunday, November 3rd during our Veterans dinner.





2019 BRANCH 255 POPPY CAMPAIGN

There are still lots of empty spots to fill at our local participating businesses . Please consider signing up an hour or two, it goes a long way to helping our veterans. Legion members remember your oath "active participation in the poppy campaign. It is our duty. Non Members are welcome to participate and volunteer. Parents are encouraged to distribute poppies with their children. High school students sign up to get your community hours to graduate Call Lynn Girard at 519-945-2012. Here are just a few pictures of many of who have taken a few hours and some to help distribute poppies this year. A huge thank you to all and to Debra Thompson branch



MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Mike Smith / Chairman

Our membership total at the General Meeting in October was a total of 425 members. We installed 2 new members, transferred one member in and one member out this month. We have another approved member waiting to be installed but is currently unable to attend for health reasons. They were offered an opportunity for a private installation but have not yet responded.

Our 2020 Renewals are going quite well with a renewal rate of 24.59% second only to Br 594 at 25.18% (Statistically it worked out they renewed two more members so far.) Our first Early Bird Membership Renewal draw was won by Iris Penney with her name being drawn by Past President Tim Copland.

EXECUTIVE REPORT - Mike Smith / Executive

Parkwood Hospital

I attended the Honour Our Heroes event at the hospital on October 24,2019 but at the time of newsletter submission I did not have the information to share. As soon as it is available I will attempt to get it turned in for inclusion.

District A Fall Convention.

District Fall Convention was held at Branch 598, Delaware Ontario. We had three delegates to represent our branch and it was very informative. The Fall Convention Reports are available at the Branch for any interested in reading them. Some points to inform though are:

Provincial Command has adopted the term OSI (Operational Stress Injury) in lieu of the term PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). The reasoning behind this change was due to the stigma being attached to someone suffering a "Disorder" and it's implication that the person themselves are at fault for this mental problem.

We have much to be proud of with our Bursary donations. This Branch gave 25% of the amount that District awarded to it's recipients. They also only give \$750 to each recipient as opposed to our local Branch Bursary of \$1000.

D-Day pins may be worn on Legion Dress through December 31, 2019





Sara LaPorte, Darin Schiller, Renee Haney, Roger James & Isaac Verge Sales Representatives

We take nothing for granted and we are mindful of the service our veterans have given

Verge Real Estate Team offers a special program whenever a member of the local Legion engages our services for their up-sizing or down-sizing needs. Give us a call anytime we can provide service to you or your family.

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We believe strongly in the work that the Legion does. Mention this ad and we will make a donation on the completion of your move with us....

A friendly face in a friendly place #2... Roger Miner

Stuart is an Submitted by Debra Thompson

Roger is an Afghanistan Veteran and we are so excited to have him as a member of the RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255. Roger has a huge heart for all veterans and their struggles. Here you can see him going out to distribute poppies during our Poppy campaign. That is not all Roger does for Veterans. Roger saw a huge need Windsor was lacking : A place for Veterans with OSI's and PTSD to meet in a social setting to provide mutual support and comradeship . Roger has single-handedly organized and implemented Windsor's first chapter of Operation VetBuild. Operation Vet build is a peer to peer program that is ran by Veterans for Veterans. It is 100% free for Veterans. All of the materials are provided free . Thanks to Roger, Veterans of all ages and from all backgrounds can



now go to the Riverside RCL Legion Br 255 on every 4th Saturday of every Month from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm to meet and socialize with other Veterans in the area while working on building a model . (Please Pass the word around) . Be sure to say hello when you see Roger in the branch. Thank you Roger for all you do.

WEEKLY Two Five Five SPECIALS

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 - TACO THURSDAY IS BACK

ONLY \$2.50 EACH Different Taco options each week.

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

TWO FIVE FIVE RESTAURANT & GRILL HAS LAUNCHED A NEW MENU

Stop in and check it out!



Adopt-A-Vet presents the 3rd Annual Army vs Navy Hockey Game Public Hosted by Army vs Navy Hockey and Adopt-A-Vet Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 12 PM FREE community event for the family.

Come out to support the 3rd annual Army vs Navy hockey game. We suggest a donation for admission of \$1 per person or a non perishable food item. All funds raised goes 100% to helping the veterans here in your community. Come out to see the local soldiers take on the local sailors. Make signs to support your favourite team. It's going to be another fun unique event. Remember Don't forget to bring your skates because following the game there is a free skate where we invite anyone to come out and skate with the local soldiers and sailors. Feel free to ask any questions you may have about the Canadian Armed Forces. This will be a fun day for the whole family. Hope we see you there.





655 Crawford Avenue Windsor, Ontario Call (519) 256-0001 Visit their website at www.breakawaygaming centre.com

COLOUR PARTY REPORT - *Quice Tubute | Sgt at Arms / Colour Guard Commander*

The month of October has been quiet for the Branch Colour Party. We are, however gearing up for a busy Remembrance season.

Coming up Saturday, November 2 at 1:00pm is the Branch 255 Remembrance Service at the new Riverside Cenotaph, located at the Farrow Miracle Park on Wyandotte St. at which time it will be dedicated. All are encouraged to attend this special service.

The following day, Sunday, November 3, at 5:00pm, the Branch is hosting the annual Veterans Dinner. Veterans of Branch 255 and caregivers are free. Tickets are available at the bar.

Monday, November 11 is Remembrance Day. This year do to some changes, the Branch Colour Party will not be at the Downtown Windsor Cenotaph, but at the Cenotaph in Lasalle at 11:00am where we participated in their service last year. Members are still free to attend the service of their choice. The Colour Party has been invited to serve Downtown again in 2020.

As is the usual, the Branch will be holding the in-Branch service at 11:00am followed by lunch and camaraderie.

A reminder that the Poppy Campaign is about to get underway this Friday. In order to make this our most successful year ever, we require "All hands on deck". Sign up sheets are posted and there are still many opportunities available to distribute poppies at your favourite venue. If you have never participated in the Poppy Campaign, I'm sure you will enjoy getting out and mingling with the people of the community while raising necessary funds for Veterans' needs.

BRANCH 255 Welcome to our Nightmare HALLOWEEN Bash

What a fangtastic party!! Thank you to everyone who came out. Thank you to Mister Please for the great music and our spooktacular audience for judging the costume contest, it was really hard to decide the winners. Thank you to Sue Yablonsky for helping me with the door prizes, the 50/50 draw and making the party run so smoothly. Thank you to Br 255 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Br 255 for donating the costume contest cash prizes and the door prizes.

A special Thanks to all who helped with the awesome décor. Also, a huge shout out to everyone who helped with cleanup. A huge shout out to our bar stewards Finally, thank you to John Bedard for working the door .What a great night.



Check out some great pictures and videos posted on our facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/</u>rclbranch255/?ref=bookmarks

The winners of our 2019 Halloween Costume Contest from left to right Third place \$50, Second Place \$100 and first place \$250. Congrats to all of our winners

(Info: Debra Thompson facebook post)



SPORTS REPORT - Brian Crockett / Chairman

All dart leagues are up and running Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday and Friday leagues. The Monday pool league is looking for more players to join their league. Up coming Zone events are posted sign up sheets are in the dart room.

Life IS BETTER when you're LAUGHING!

A woman visits her husband in prison. Before leaving, she tells a correction officer: " You shouldn't make my husband work like that. He's exhausted!" The officer laughs and says, "Are you kidding? He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell!" The wife replies: " He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months!"



Saturday NOVEMBER 2nd as we dedicate our Amazing **NEW** Cenotaph located at the Miracle Park (formally known as Riverside arena) during BRANCH 255 Remembrance Day Service at 1:00PM. Afterwards everyone is invited back to the branch for free hotdogs (while supplies last).





HONOUR OF DUTY BRUNCH To Honour the Veterans

Sunday, October 27th branch 255 colour party (veteran) Earl Jones at the Moose Lodge Tecumseh Rd. E. Veterans Brunch., along with two other Branch 255 veterans Jim and Susan McAree who also attended. Hosted by Andrea Grimes.

POPPY REPORT - Lynn Girard / Chairman



Our Poppy fund balance is now at \$13,118.00. We sent cheques totalling \$1500.00 to the convention ear marked for Vet to Vet Project Trauma Support and Project Service Dogs that cheque was returned until there is more information on this new program.

We are very busy with the poppy campaign now I'm excited, but I know I could get more excited if more people would sign up. As I told you I did get a table and chairs at Metro and Zehrs. I hope people show up there also, not just Walmart. Please sign up, it is all of our duty to do so. In advance thank you everyone for your support we have people to drive, but we need people to walk the poppies in to.

I want to talk about a call from October 22 the ladies name is Patti Morand she is an occupational therapist who travels around to help our veterans. She has an 83 year old. He is in rehab at Malden Park I believe she said. He has had a foot amputated and is in serious need of a lift chair. Now this man was air force in France for 4 years he is not a Legion member. Veterans Affairs has helped with certain things but he is in desperate need of this chair right now, He and his wife do not have this money so they are asking us at branch 255 to help. I would like to put this to a vote with our comrades and hope we can do this for him. Please.

I received an ad, the ladies name is Cathleen Carrigan she calls herself a Reregistered Provider of the Veterans Independence Program she is insured and listed on the CCAC Provider data base. Their services help seniors remain in their own homes longer and live independently. They supply housekeeping, drivers and companions. If anyone would like her number for a friend or family member I have it and will keep it with me.

At every meeting I have mentioned Ken Marshall. Well I will again, this time to his face. Ken thank you so much for all your help, I don't have to chase you . You talk a wee bit slower and you do like me. I'm getting it, but I still need you around buddy. Thank you again.



Congratulations

Branch 255 Past President Dennis Holmes (Navy Veteran), he received the first Poppy for 2019 at our October General Membership meeting.

Congratulations Dennis Holmes.

2020 NEW YEARS EVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST - Doors open at 6:00PM

Tickets are \$40 per person.

Tickets include a delicious Dinner Buffet of :

- 8oz slice of Prime Rib cooked perfectly the way you love it , sliced and served by Metro Butcher Steve or If you prefer Chicken
- Spring Greens Garden Salad -Baked Potatoes -Honey Glazed Carrots
- Dinner Rolls , butter -Horse Radish Sauce
- Au jus dip and dessert

The dinner Buffet will be served from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Tickets also include a late night all you can eat TACO BAR with all the fixings served

at 11:00pm, midnight balloon drop, champagne punch toast, photo wall, party favours and more . There will be reserved seating on a first come, first served basis. **ITS GOING TO BE AN AWESOME PARTY!** .

Tickets will go on sale on Monday November 12th .. Call 519-945-2012 for more info

REMEMBRANCE DINNER - Steve MacFarlane / 1st Vice President

The tickets are on sale at the bar and they are \$20.00 each for non-veterans. Veterans belonging to our Branch and their care givers or spouse will be free. Please reserve Sunday November 3rd for the dinner. Cocktails at 5pm and dinner will be at 6pm. The dinner will be roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, a vegetable and garden salad.

The guest speaker will be Reverend Olav Kitchen talking about his recent trip to Europe for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Please Come out and show your support for our veterans.

BURSARY REPORT - Linda Telley / Chairman

The Branch poppy Bursary is on going thru the year. As some of the courses do not start at the same time, the applications are still available.

A copy of their student card must be attached to the application, or it will be held over till the next month.

Available bursaries thru the Branch:

ONTARIO COMMAND - Applications at the bar. Deadline last Friday in March 2020.

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.

UP COMING EVENTS .. FUN .. FUN .. AND MORE FUN.

RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH at 881 Glidden Ave, Windsor, ON is having a build-up to **REMEMBRANCE DAY** they will be showing a 2 part movie titled **UNBROKEN** on Saturday, **November 9/19** at 3PM in the Dresser Friendship room in the basement. It is the story of an Olympian and War Hero who survived on a raft for 47 days only to be taken as a POW by the Japanese. It is a true story about the resilient power of the human spirit.

Bring a friend and watch this inspirational movie.

Submitted by Betty Goodison





CASINO BUS TRIP

Gateway Casino (Sarnia)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

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.



CALLING ALL VENDORS - ONLY \$20 A TABLE

Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 255 is putting on a Craft Show **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH - FREE Admission**

Applications are available at the bar. Long tables are limited 1st come first serve. Must be paid the day you book it. Hand Crafted Booths only ex: (crafts, preserves, bake goods).



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th starting at 8:00PM.



Wear a Ho-Ho-Horrible Holiday Christmas Sweater and come party with MISTER PLEASE. There will be 3 Cash Prizes For the Ugliest Christmas Sweaters, door prizes, dancing and so much more.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

255 Annual Breakfast With Santa to be held on **DECEMBER 8th at 10:00 AM.**

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast of: Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Home fries, Bacon, Sausage Coffee , Tea and juice

Enjoy a live (Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, hip Hop, Point, And Tap) Dance performance by Collective Ensemble from PURE Dance Academy.

Meet the man of the hour, the big guy himself, Santa Claus and his loving wife Mrs Claus. All Children will receive a small gift from Santa.

Get your picture taken with Santa , Decorate Christmas Cookies, do crafts, we will have someone making animal balloons , watch Christmas movies and so much more. Tickets are :Adults \$10.00 Children from ages 6-10 \$7.50 and children 5 and under are Free. (All children must be accompanied by an adult)

MARK THE DATE!!! Tickets will go on sale behind the bar on Monday November 4th. (none will be held) First come first serve. Spread the word.

Everyone is welcome. Hope you all can make it.



SANTA RAMA PUB CRAWL Before Christmas SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

The buses will pick us all up at the Riverside RCL Branch 255 at **11:30AM** sharp. The buses will be going to: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594,Br. 206 Tilbury. Br. 261 Tecumseh, and back Br 255. Tickets for the PUBCRAWL are \$20 and tickets for both PUB CRAWL AND TURKEY DINNER are \$40 (includes a Santa hat)

TURKEY DINNER Before Christmas (Ladies Auxiliary) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

If you do not want to come in the pub crawl come out for the Christmas dinner. Tickets for the all you can eat turkey dinner are \$20.Dinner will start at approx 6:15 to 6:30PM.

You can get tickets from Sue Yablonsky, Debra Thompson, Virginia Bartelt, or Lynn Girard. You can also call Debra at 519-990-3038 and leave a message and your phone number and I will call you back to arrange pick up at the Branch.



BRANCH 255 NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Image: the second sec					1 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	2 BRANCH 255 SERVICE CROW BAR HOTEL 8:30PM
3 REMEMBRANCE DINNER 5PM TICKETS \$20	4 PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM	5 SENIORS DINNER 4-6PM MUSIC 3:30-6:30PM MENS DARTS 7:30	6 CRIBBAGE 1PM EUCHRE FUN DARTS CRIBBAGE 7PM	7 CRIBBAGE 1PM	8 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	9 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM CROWBAR HOTEL 8:30PM
10 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE 11AM PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM	12 SENIORS DINNER 4-6PM MUSIC 3:30-6:30PM MENS DARTS 7:30	13 CRIBBAGE 1PM EUCHRE FUN DARTS CRIBBAGE 7PM	14 CRIBBAGE 1PM	15 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	16 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM CROW BAR HOTEL 8:30PM
17 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	18 CASINO BUS TRIP PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM	19 SENIORS DINNER 4-6PM MUSIC 3:30-6:30PM MENS DARTS 7:30	20 CRIBBAGE 1PM EUCHRE FUN DARTS CRIBBAGE 7PM	21 CRIBBAGE 1PM EXECUTIVE MEETING 7PM	22 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	23 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM MISTER PLEASE 8:30PM
24 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	25 PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING7:30PM	26 SENIORS DINNER 4-6PM MUSIC 3:30-6:30PM MENS DARTS 7:30	27 CRIBBAGE 1PM EUCHRE FUN DARTS CRIBBAGE 7PM	28 CRIBBAGE 1PM GENERAL MEETING 7PM	29 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	30 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM UGLY CHRISTMAS PARTY MISTER PLEASE 8:30PM