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Riverside Branch 255 / January 2020 Bulletin

**Happy
New Year**



2020



**WISHING OUR TROOPS A SAFE AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

May the next year be filled with good health, happiness and
much more time to spent with your families.

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings All

I hope everyone had a happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to a very prosperous 2020 and already have many events planned. The first event will be Miracle Park chili cook off. This will take place on January 26th and promises to be a fun day with all proceeds going to Miracle Park Cenotaph. Look for posters in the branch or on Facebook for more information.

One issue I would like to address in the new year is the attitude of anyone coming into our branch. We like to think of our legion as a comfortable and fun place where people can come in and share a laugh and a story and have a good experience. We are trying to make changes to make their experience even better. Always remember opinions are welcome but criticism is not. I've always felt the job of an executive is to bring about change while keeping the important traditions of our legion intact. Our executive is working very hard to achieve this. So please keep an open mind.

In closing I would thank our many volunteers, but also ask for more people to step forward. We have some projects in the works that will require some expertise and a little bit of muscle. If you can help please see me or anyone on our executive. Any help would be appreciated. Thank You.

Thank You.

Ken Dault / President



Next General meeting will be
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD @ 7PM
Members are encouraged to attend.



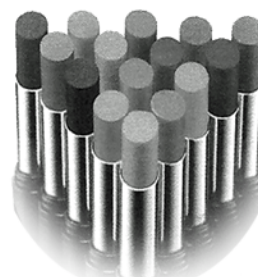
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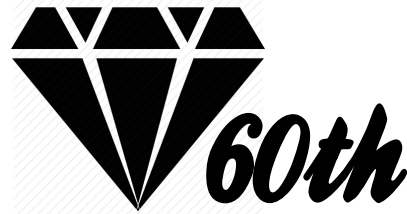
LAST POST

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

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM ”

R E M E M B E R I N G

♥ *All Veterans, Legion & L.A. members who have left us.* ♥



The **60TH ANNUAL** Bantam-Midget tournament kicked off December 27th for their Opening Ceremonies at the WFCU Center.

The first Riverside Bantam Tournament was played in 1959 at the old Riverside Arena.

The event was originally sponsored by the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255** Riverside and the former Riverside Hockey Association Ladies Auxiliary (later becoming the Riverside Community Ladies Club of Youth.)

Branch 255 took part in the opening ceremony. Picture left to right: Sgt. at Arms Bruce Tribute, Jenn Davidson, Jim Dunn, Betty Goodison and Olga Shultz.



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NAVY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 at 12PM

At the WFCU / 8787 McHugh St. Windsor, Ontario

Fun **FREE** community event for the family. Come out and see the local soldiers and
sailors face off once again for the chance to take home the Grapes Cup.

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.

LEGION RIDER REPORT - *Bruce Tribute* / Road Captain, Legion Riders Branch 255

The Chili Cook-off planning is underway. We have had two meetings with Farrow Miracle Park representatives, Debbie has been working on promotion, Elaine Dunn has created a wonderful poster and the rest of us have been hashing out details. The event is to take place Sunday, Jan. 26. 2020, from 2-5 pm at the Branch.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, 6-10, free for children 5 and under. A sign-up sheet for competitors will be at the bar. Currently, we are planning for 12 entries. Proceeds from this event will go to the new Cenotaph at the Miracle Park.

SPORTS REPORT - *Brian Crockett* / Chairman

Zone Senior Darts was held at our legion on November 23, our team of John Troy, Todd Kavanaugh, Brian Crockett and Al Williamson won the event and will host this tournament again next year.

I am asking for the registration fees of \$100.00 and for gas and food for 4 players at \$250.00 for District Darts.

When playing in any zone event it is your responsibility to let the Sports Officer know if you have qualified as soon as possible. If you do not notify the Sports officer you will run out of time for me to get a cheque to the Zone Sports Officer, remember I have to get the money passed at an executive meeting, therefore if I am not notified you will not play in District.

Wishing you a successful 12 months, joyful 52 weeks, lovely 365 days, memorable 8760 hours, blessings of 525600 minutes and happiest 31536000 seconds. Happy New Year!



Photo Credit Debra Thompson

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY WINNERS

Here are all of our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Contestants. There were 5 prizes in all. The fourth and fifth place winners won a gift certificate for our Kitchen Two Five Five Restaurant & Catering. **Congratulations** to all.

Two Five Five

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EVERY THURSDAY - TACO THURSDAY IS BACK

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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

A Holly, Jolly awesome time was had by all at our SANTARAMA PUBCRAWL before Christmas. Our next Pub crawl will be in the spring. Stay tuned.

Lots of pictures of Breakfast with Santa to see on our facebook group page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rcibranch255/> .



Photo Credit Debra Thompson



“ May the New Year bring you warmth of love, and a light to guide your path towards a positive destination.”




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HONORS & AWARDS - (Info: Debra Thompson facebook)

Congratulations to our following comrades Frank Lehoux 30 year pin. Vivian Lehoux 40 year pin, and Rick Monaghan 45 year pin.



QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA

Pictures taken from the Quilts of Valour Ceremony held at branch 255. Left to right John Gallant, Diane Beck, Marty Flanagan, Robert Papak, Charlene Cote, Armond Rock and Len Ryan. Thank you for your Service.

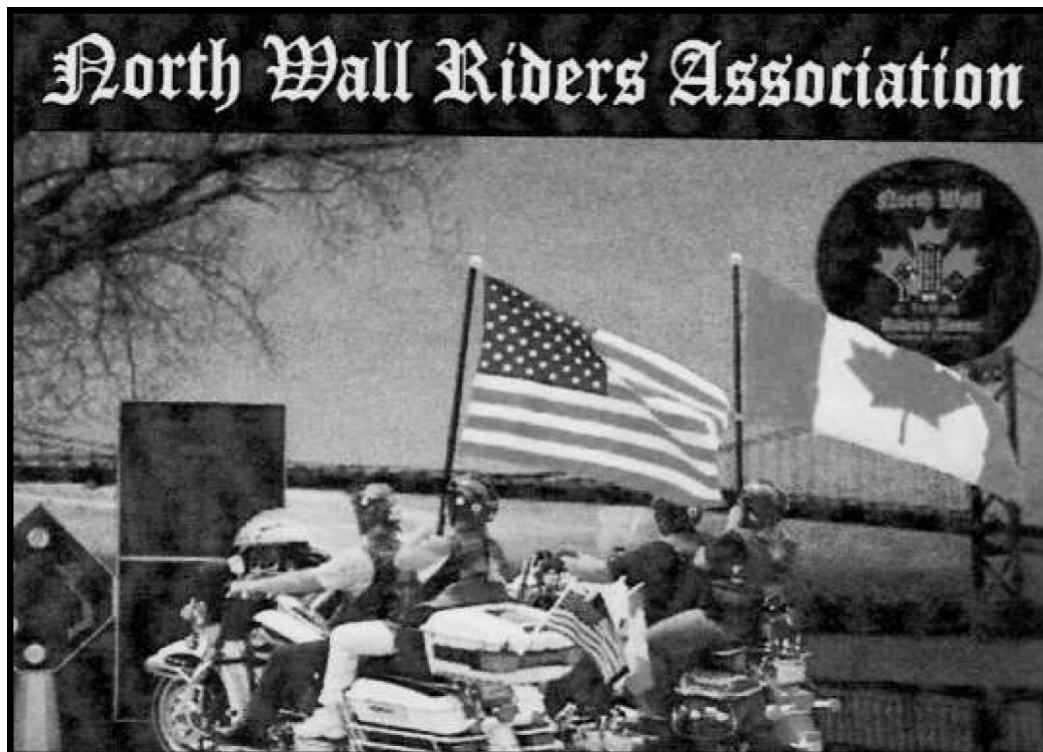


COLOUR PARTY REPORT - *Bruce Tribute* / Sgt at Arms / Colour Guard Commander

Since my last report, the Branch Colour Party has participated in a few events. Saturday, 30 November, we marched on the colours for the closing ceremony of the Flags of Remembrance Project. Sunday, 1 December, we were present for the Quilts of Valour Presentation at the Branch. Both events were well-attended and were an honour to participate in.

Since we are the only operating Legion Colour Party in Zone A-1, we are offered plenty of opportunities to participate in parades and Legion events.

As always, we are in search of new members for the Colour Party. No experience is necessary.... just a desire to be a part of a very important piece of our organization. We'll teach you. If interested, contact me, Bruce Tribute at 519-817-6906.



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BURSARY REPORT- *Linda Tetley* / Chairman

January 2020 will be the last month to put in for a bursary for the 2019-2020 school year. Exams will start in April or May.

I will still accept bursary applications starting in Feb. 2020 until Sept. when the 2020-2021 school year starts. Applications received will be presented at the General meeting in Sept.

I must receive a copy of your student card for 2020-2021 school year. All will be contacted in early Sept.

This bursary is for full time students at a University or College.

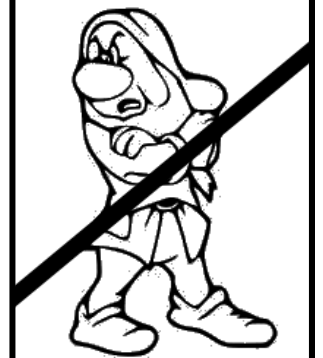
ONTARIO COMMAND BURSARY -

Deadline for this bursary is the last Friday in March 2020.

Same criteria applies to all bursaries. Applications available at the bar.

THIS IS ALWAYS WORTH REPEATING!!!

We pride ourselves on being the friendliest, hippest, funnest most welcoming legion in the city. It is very important we treat every single person, every veteran, every member and every customer who walks through our doors with respect, good will and good cheer. Let's keep people coming in and welcome them with a big smile and a friendly hello. Like cheers, let's be the Riverside neighbourhood Legion where everybody is welcome and everybody knows your name.



Life IS BETTER when you're **LAUGHING!** - A little New Year Humour!!!

- I hate it when people ask me what I am doing next month..Come on guys I don't have 2020 vision.
- My goal in 2020 is to accomplish the goals I set in 2019 which I should have done in 2018 because I made a promise in 2017 which I planned in 2016.
- I ordered a pizza 5 minutes before new year and when they delivered it I said what took so long I ordered this a year ago.

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Wow ! What a Wonderful day we had at the RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 WINDSOR Breakfast With Santa.

The smiles in the Photos Say it all. Submitted by Debra Thompson P.R.O.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and elves. Thank you Barry for hooking up the sound system. We could not have done this event without you. A special thank you to Maureen Fracas for making the cookies , icing and coming up with fun crafts for the kids to do. The kids had such a great time decorating their cookies and making reindeer hats and Christmas gnomes. We would also like to say thank you our in house kitchen Two Five Five Restaurant and Catering and Staff for the delicious Breakfast. A huge shout out to The Collective Ensemble from Pure Dance Academy for the amazing show. The dance team was fantastic. The children loved the dancers and they even got to get up and dance with them after the show. The kids had So Much fun. Thank you to Santa and Mrs Claus (Floreen Jackson Lovett and Karl William Lovett Sr.) You did an amazing job with all the children. The kids all loved you both.

We look so forward to doing this again next year. Lots of pictures of Breakfast with Santa to see on our facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rcibranch255/> . You will also find them posted in the back hallway near the washrooms in the next week or so. Please fill free to take any pictures of you and your family.



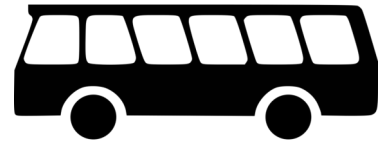
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UP COMING EVENTS..GREAT FUN FOR EVERYONE!.



CASINO BUS TRIP

Gateway Casino (Sarnia)



MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Organized by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 *Ladies Auxiliary*

The cost of the seat is \$20.00. **MUST PAY IN ADVANCE**

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.



CHILI COOK OFF!!

SUNDAY. JANUARY 26TH / 2-5PM

Bring on the heat, The RIVERSIDE
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH
255 in partnership with the Farrow
Riverside Miracle Park and the

Riverside RCL Br 255 Legion Riders are putting on a Chili Cook off fundraiser .

Enjoy and judge delicious chili with all the fixings made by our contestants

(sign up at the bar with name and your phone number if you would like to participate
by being a contestant.) There will be Celebrity judges, A grand prize Award and a
People's Choice Award. 50/50 draw Live music Looking Back .

Tickets are: Adults \$20 / Children 6-10 yrs old \$10 / Children 5 and under free.

All proceeds go to the Riverside Farrow Miracle Park Cenotaph.

Tickets will go on sale on Jan 2nd. Everyone is welcome.

Call 519-945-2012 for more info. Hope you all can make it.

Feel the heat like never before, It's going to get deliciously hot up in here.

DOWN..... SET.....HUT....

Mark the date Join us for our annual

SUPER BOWL LIV PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBUARY 2ND

for fun , beers, cheers and so much
more. Stay tuned and watch for our in
branch posters coming out soon for
more details .

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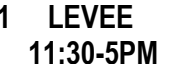













































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