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New Month, Same Great Vibe: Welcome to October at Branch 255!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KEN MARSHALL

It's been an exciting month of September with many events taking place. Our Labour Day BBQ with Aaron Furlotte providing the music was well attended.

The pub crawl although not well attended had a great time visiting 3 legions including the grand opening of the Wheatley legion.

The dart leagues, including our low vision dart group, have started up again and we look forward to the camaraderie these individuals have with each other.

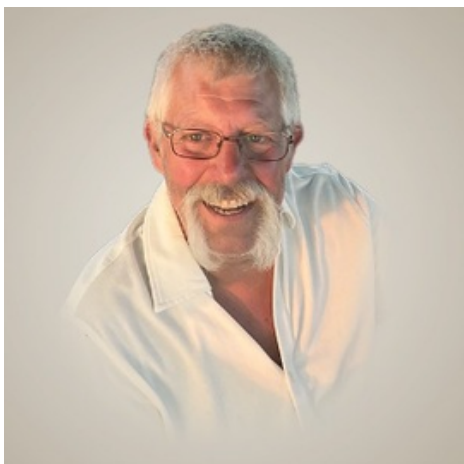
Meat draws, card groups, senior dances and Saturday night dances continue to do well.

Our memorial service at Windsor Memorial Gardens was well attended and it was my first service as President. Thanks to all who attended.

Our last Raise the Roof fundraiser is September 27th with Nil A Nova providing the music with a pasta dinner. The booze draw took place, congratulations to our winner Earl Schulties!

The poppy campaign is approaching soon and volunteers will be needed to make this a huge success. Ron Marshall and I will be attending the District Convention in Sarnia on Oct.17th and 18th .

LAST POST



Todd Michael Kavanagh
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BANNER REPORT

MARTY FLANAGAN-VETERAN BANNER PROJECT MANAGER

The Banners went up on September 13th and the Ceremony was held at #255 on Tuesday September 15th . Thanks to the major players on the project, The City of Windsor, The Olde Riverside BIA, ENWIN and Branch #255. Many thanks to the volunteer ENWIN Crews, Barb Perry, Bill Sherman, Frank Cleminson (ENWIN), Candyce Mollard (BIA), Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac, Ken Marshall, Ron Marshall, Betty Goodison, Christina White, Marco and his Staff. Also to Branch #255 Executive and the Branch as a whole who support his Program. I'd like to single out and Salute Dianne

Vendrasco for her help in all of this. Her efforts were invaluable.

This was a true Team effort, and this project cannot be successful with the efforts of those above. I cannot say how much I appreciate you all!!

COLOUR PARTY REPORT

BRUCE TRIBUTE

Legion Week is here, once again, and the Branch Colour Party is busy with events celebrating this important yearly event.

Starting the month, 06 September, we carried colours at the Afghanistan Memorial service at Reaume Park.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Service, which was to happen 20 September at Jackson Park, was cancelled due to rain.

We participated in the Zone A-1 Legion Week Service at Heavenly Rest Cemetery, 23 September, as a combined event with the Branch 594 Colour Party.

24 September, we were invited to carry colours for Branch 644 at Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery, and 25 September, we shall be at Windsor Memorial Gardens for the Branch 255 Legion Week service.

We currently have 11 members in the Branch Colour Party and always have room for more. If you are interested in joining us, you are more than welcome. Contact me, Bruce Tribute at 519-817-6906. We'd love to have you with us and we'll train you.

BAR REPORT

RON MARSHALL - CHAIR

Fall is here, our leagues are returning and the Branch is extremely busy at night.

Bar sales are increasing with the added activities. As you may already know Labatt Blue Draft was discontinued (crazy right), we replaced it with Miller Lite which is doing quite well. We continue to offer non-alcohol drinks; the bar has a list. Please drink and drive responsibly.

Monthly inventory will take place on Sunday Sept. 27th . To date our inventory checks are going quite well with no major issues.

Check the bulletin for events coming up in October.

Bar sales are what keep the Branch open and allow us to continue to support our Veterans and our Community, which this Branch does extremely well.

I want to thank our bartenders for their continued excellent service. This Branch is extremely busy at times and your patience and gratitude with them is much appreciated.

Please continue to invite your family and friends to the Branch. Many have become members and/or volunteers for the Branch.

Please consider Volunteering for the upcoming Poppy Campaign. Sign up boards will be put up the week of October 12th. Boards are located on the north wall across from the bar. Just 2 hours of your time can make a difference for our Veterans. The task is easy and most rewarding. Thank you in advance for consideration of this request.



UPDATED WEBSITE
www.branch-255.com

Thank you Elaine Dunn!

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.branch255legion>



REMEMBRANCE AND VETERANS' WEEK

MARTY FLANAGAN

Veterans' week 2026 will run from November 5th to Nov 11th . Again, this year we will be splitting the weekends for the Remembrance Dinner and Branch Parade. The Dinner will be held on Sunday November 1st , while the Parade will be on Saturday November 7th. The Branch will also be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th.

DINNER

The dinner will be on Sunday Nov 1st . Cocktails at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6pm. Dress attire is Blues/Greys if you have them. No Jeans please. Guest Speaker is Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac. Tickets are free to Branch#255 Veterans and their Spouse/Caregiver. We have allotted 40 tickets for Non-255 Veterans and their Spouse/Caregiver and it first come, first served. Once those tickets are gone, they will need to be purchased at the non-veteran rate of \$35.00 a ticket. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets will be sold until Oct. 29th. There will be no tickets given out after that date. No exceptions. We need to know what numbers we will have for the kitchen and room setup. Please get your tickets early to avoid any disappointment.

PARADE

The Parade will be on its traditional day, Saturday Nov. 7th at 1pm at the cenotaph at Miracle Park. Comradeship at the Branch following the Parade. All are welcome. We need volunteers to help make these dates successful. A volunteer sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board and an organization meeting will be held mid-October. It is a busy time for the Branch with these activities and the Poppy Campaign...we need all hands-on deck.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Branch will be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Branch for those who cannot make it downtown. Please note the earlier start time of 10:55 so we can observe a moment of silence at 11am.

POPPY REPORT

RON MARSHALL - CHAIR

Comrades, Remembrance Day is fast approaching, and your executive is busy planning the activities that support and promote the Remembrance period. Our Poppy Campaign kicks off the activities. The official start this year is Saturday October 24th running through November 11th . Our team has decided to break the tasks into 4 phases.

- We will deliver more than 150 Poppy boxes to over 120 stores. This will commence on the weekend of Oct. 24th.
- We will hold off until Friday Oct. 30th to place our volunteers in the stores that allow us to sit/stand and distribute poppies.
- A volunteer crew will deliver Poppies and Poppy stickers to 20 local schools on Friday Nov. 6th for their Remembrance Ceremonies.
- A volunteer crew will pick up all boxes from stores and return to legion for counting.

Volunteer sheets will be going up the week of Monday Oct. 12th . Boards will be located on north wall across from the Bar. Time slots are 2 hours each. Table and chairs provided at Walmart, Zehrs and Metro stores. As you can see there is a need for many volunteers to fill these positions, so please consider volunteering your time to help promote Remembrance and raise monies for our Veterans who may require our assistance. I promise you a rewarding experience.

All are welcome to volunteer, including students looking to earn volunteer hours, members and non-members, parents and grandparents can bring their youngsters for company. Two hours of your time is not much to ask considering what are Veterans have done for our Freedom.

Note: The Branch will always have emergency Food Cards for any Veteran who needs assistance. See myself or Dave Jarvis.

DONATIONS

SUE YABLONSKY

For the month of September we donated to The Windsor Residence for Young Men, The Windsor Youth Centre, Hospice of Windsor-Essex County, The Salvation Army and The Seniors Program. We also donated to Street Help, Salvation Army and Downtown Mission to help them with their Thanksgiving Dinners. All for a total of \$7700.

Great job Branch 255 members and guests!

LIASON FOR UNIT 2828 CADET CORPS

OLGA SCHUTZ - CHAIR

Weekly Training Schedule for 2026/2027 – the Cadet Corps will begin their weekly training schedule Monday, September 14, 2026.

Cadets ranging in age from 12-18 yrs of age, train and have classroom studies every Monday of the week from September, 2026 to end-June, 2027.

All new recruits begin in the Green Star training program and then proceed to Red, Silver, Gold, and finally Master Cadet. Each program requires different levels of skills, proficiency, and self-discipline to be mastered over their tenure with the Cadet Corps.

Poppy Fund Campaign – Oct 24, 2026 to November 11, 2026 - The Cadet Corps staff and its Commanding Officer, Brad Krewench will be working closely with Br 255 Poppy Fund Chair, Ron Marshall, to ensure we have as many cadets in uniform as possible placed in safe and coordinated areas for this year's Poppy Fund Campaign.

World's Finest Chocolate Covered Almonds fundraiser; Unfortunately, our contact for this fundraiser has retired and the company that provides the product does not produce them any longer. The company offered us Aunt Sarah's Simply Delicious chocolate bars instead but the committee did not feel confident that the demand would be there for that product to generate similar funds.

Crafty Candles Fundraiser; This fundraiser will run for the month of October.

We continue to welcome all parents/guardians or adults that are interested in supporting the unit on the Support Committee to please contact our Support Committee Chair – CI Clarke email – medical20171@gmail.com.

The Support Committee and the CO are working diligently to give the cadets more opportunities, field exercises, and the best experiences they can get from the cadet program as well as having a safe place of socializing and camaraderie.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026 at the Armouries. Meetings are held every last Monday of the month.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 Bursaries

OLGA SCHUTZ - CHAIR

Eligibility for all Applications: Each application has its own criteria for eligibility so be *sure to read carefully the eligibility requirements for each application.*

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 Poppy Bursary

Awarded to University or College students enrolled in a full time program (any year).

-Applications for the Fall semester must be in by Oct 1st and the bursary will be presented at the General Meeting in October.

-Any applications handed in between Oct 1st, and Feb 1st, will be considered for the Winter semester and will be presented at the February General Meeting.

This is a one time bursary. Awarded to University or College students enrolled in a full time program (any year).

Mary Turner Bursary

Awarded to 2nd year students and up, attending the University of Windsor.

-Applications open Aug 1st to Oct 31st.

For further information contact the awards office.

Cliff Capnerhurst

-2nd year students and up at St. Clair College.

-Application open from Oct 1st to Dec 1st.

For further information contact the awards office.

Rev. Godden

-2nd year students and up attending the University of Windsor.

-Applications open Aug 1st to Oct 31st.

For further information contact the awards office.

Provincial Command Bursary

-1st year students and up. Applications are online at:

<https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>.

Deadline last Friday in March.

LEGION WEEK

MARTY FLANAGAN

Legion Week 2026 runs from Sunday September 20 th to Saturday, September 26 th . The Branch will have its ceremony on Friday September 25 th at 11 am at Windsor Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A light lunch will be provided at the Branch after the Ceremony for those attending. All are welcome. The Luncheon will be in the dart room as there is a wake at the same time in the main room.

BINGO REPORT

KATHY PATTERSON- CHAIR

In August we had 3 bingo assignments. We received \$2,389.26 from Breakaway Bingo for these assignments. We donated \$3,600 to charities in August. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with the bingos. Cheryl Donaldson is now the new Bingo Chair. Thank you so much Cheryl.

NATIONAL NOTABLE DATES FOR OCTOBER 2026

- Renewals
 - 1st week of the month National Family Week
 - 1st National Seniors Day
 - 10th World Mental Health Day
 - 12th Thanksgiving
 - 14th Van Doos anniversary (1914)
 - 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
 - 24th Anniversary of United Nations (1945)
 - 24th start of Poppy Campaign
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YOUTH AND EDUCATION

BETTY GOODISON - CHAIR

Youth and Education reporting that 18 schools of Riverside have had Remembrance packages for posters, poems and essays delivered Monday September 21st. Contestants will be returning results to Branch 255 at a date in November for further processing at Branch level.

HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

OLGA SCHUTZ - CHAIR

We will continue to give presentations and recognition to our valued volunteers who help promote and give generously of their time and efforts to make Br 255 a venue for all to enjoy, support, and be proud of!

Please be reminded that in order for you to receive your “recognition year-pin” or “bar awards”, you are required to fill out a form which is located in an envelope pocket at the front entrance door, and then handed in to the bartender. Once validation of request is confirmed, a presentation will be made at the next General Membership meeting. Also if you “move” or have an “address change” please notify the Branch in the same manner.

MEMBERSHIP

KATHY PATTERSON- CHAIR

September 24, 2026

We currently have a 904 members.

The breakdown of members is as follows:

Affiliate Non-Voting 3

Affiliate Voting 129

Associate 583

Centenary 66

Lifetime 7

Ordinary 116

I encourage those who are Centenary members to pay dues for 2027. I will be drawing the first early bird winner on October 1 st . Thank you to all those members who have paid their dues.

EVENTS

SUE YABLONSKY

All our fundraising for our roof has come to an end. Thank you to all who help support this worthy cause. Our next event won't be until Halloween. We will be having our annual Halloween party on Saturday October 31st, from 7-11pm. Crowbar Hotel will be entertaining us some with fun music and of course, wear your best costume as there will be prizes for best costume. Hope to see you there.

SPORTS REPORT

DAN CROCKETT

Our house leagues and Zone Sports are in full swing and being well attended. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the newest Zone Sports event and sign up if you are a member in good standing.

Sadly in September we lost a long time member and fellow Dart Player Todd Kavanagh. Todd will be remembered fondly and will be missed by all those who knew him, our condolences to Karen and her family.



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October 2026

RIVERSIDE BRANCH 255 LEGION CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30pm EUCHRE LEAGUE	2  3-8:30pm FISHFRY 4-6pm BLIND DARTS 7pm ANGLO DARTS	3  2-5pm MEAT DRAW 7-11pm W/ BB & THE J'S
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