Ambassador and Walkerville Branch 644

October 2026



Band Schedule for October

Oct 3rd - Joe & Wayne (From Crowbar Hotel) - 2-6 pm
Oct 3rd – Crossroads - 7–11 pm
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Oct 10th – Charlene - 2-6 pm
Oct 10th – Crowbar Hotel - 7-11 pm
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Oct 17th– Steve Bonnici - 2-6 pm
Oct 17th – Charlene - 7-11 pm
Oct 17th– Jazz & Blues Festival
(Josh Johnson, Coffee House Combo, Velvet Groove, and Retro Candle)
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Oct 24th – Mark Chichkan - 2-6 pm
Oct 24th – Next Level - 7-11 pm
Oct 24th –South River Slim 8pm
(Rolling Stones Tribute, Tickets @ the bar $35…@door $45)
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Oct 30th – Forever in Blue Jeans 6pm
(Neil Diamond Tribute – Dinner & Show $45)
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Oct 31st – Acoustics Unlimited - 2-6 pm
Oct 31st – Catzazz - 7-11 pm

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"
- Hellen Keller

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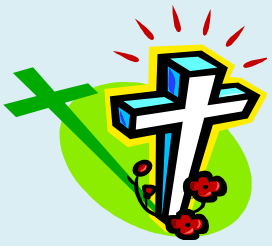
Branch Hours

Monday	12pm-11pm
Tuesday	12pm - 11pm
Wednesday	12pm - 11pm
Thursday	12pm - 1am
Friday	12pm-1am
Saturday	8:30am - 1am

Sunday – Closed (Unless event scheduled)

Last Post

Cindy Hay
Allan Reaume



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Ambassador and Walkerville
Branch 644 June 2026

Chairs for Branch 644: If anyone is interested in joining a committee please contact Stacey.

The President: Stacey Masse
Chaplain: Padre Stan Fraser

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Marion Bastien
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Kitchen Conveynor: Marion Bastien

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I'm happy to see the branch busy again with the Fall/Winter leagues back. We have some exciting events coming up this month and I'm looking forward to it all. I will be attending my very first "District A" Convention on October 16th in Sarnia and I will update all of you with some information I receive from there. I am also excited to see how the Poppy Campaign goes as Command has changed the date on the start of the Campaign to October 24th instead of the last Friday of the month. We will need volunteers for a lot of the events this month, so please make sure you sign up on the sheets provided at the branch. Check out the website and social media sites to follow us.

ZONE REPORT: STACEY MASSE

The next zone meeting is in February.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: LAURA GASKIN

I attended the Service Officer Seminar in Ridgetown on Saturday, September 26th and Rebecca Hyman, Provincial Service Officer, presented an excellent workshop to all that attended.

We have new resources that we can use to obtain services for Veterans:
ATLAS – Has been added as a resource for Veterans to access more mental health providers.
It still is a recommendation of the Legion that we use our Provincial Service Officer to submit claims and they also have helped me and other Veterans in the past obtain benefits that most Veterans are not aware that they would be eligible for.
If a Veteran has been denied a claim through Veteran Affairs in the past, the Provincial Service Officer can look into their case(s). Please talk to me if I can be of any assistance. There is a chance the Legion can lose the help from the Provincial Veteran Service office if it is not used. We are recommending any claims for services through Veteran Affairs should be directed to the Provincial Service Office.
Just a reminder, Veterans in the City of Windsor can get a lifetime bus pass. Applications are in the office.
Service Officer can help with applications for Veterans plates.
Veterans can get free luggage at Air Canada, WestJet, and Porter. You must have Veteran's Identification (NDI 75).
Children of Veterans should always be encouraged if applying for Post Secondary education should ask if they are eligible for bursaries when they apply. Some applicants have received a % off their tuition.

Other Ways to Get Help	
Veterans Affairs Canada 1-866-522-2122	Operational Stress Injury Social Support 1-800-883-6094
Canadian Forces Members Assistance Program 1-800-268-7708 (For Serving Members)	Tema Conter Memorial Trust 1-888-288-8036 (For First Responders)
Wounded Warriors Canada 1-888-706-4808	Soldier On 1-800-883-6094

If anyone knows of a Veteran in need, please let the branch know. All information and questions brought to the Branch Veteran's Services Officer are held in the strictest confidence.

BURSARY: MARION BASTIEN

This year we gave out 14 bursaries, 7 to the Branch and 7 to the RCNA.

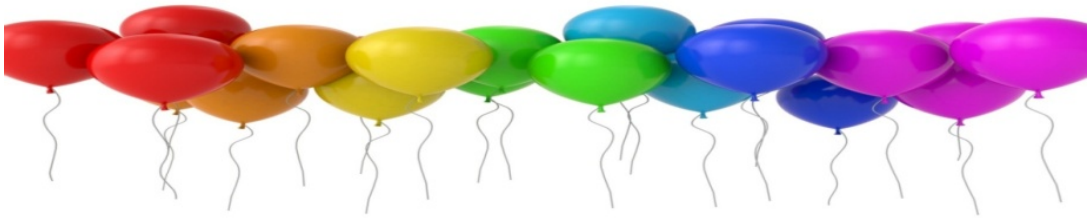
The Ontario Legion Bursary closes the last Friday of March. Applications on website or bursary@on.legion.ca or call (888) 207-0939.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: STACEY MASSE



Scan the QR code or click here to access our website: https://www.branch644.com/

Lots of events coming up this fall, please check out our facebook page, website, and posters around the branch if you would like to attend.



Members celebrating their birthday in October

Jeff Wilcock, Kim Sween, Donna Palaszinski, Charlene Cote, Sean McNorton, Gail Leader, Edward Zold, Mike Gecse, Richard Gauthier, Richard Ransom-Brown, Barbara Robinson, Andrew Tomlinson, Patricia Hayden, Tony Louis, Kelly Neil, Andrea Zold, Jean Paul SR Labelle, Michael C. Soucie, Glen Ray, Thomas Brown, Wesley Dumeah, Natalie Masie Bourgoin, Gordon Thomas Cutting, Robert Chiarenza, Cheryl LeBlanc, Linda McMullen, James P. Harwood, Marsha Caron, William Brunelle, and Shane Dupras

NOTE: If we missed your birthday please email newsletter@rcl644.com or call the branch.

If you would like anything else mentioned in the new "celebration section" of this newsletter, please send an email to newsletter@rcl644.com. Maybe it's an anniversary, engagement, new baby, etc.



Interested in placing an ad in our monthly Newsletter? Ads will start in the next month's newsletter following payment via cash, cheque or e-transfer. Ads will run for 12 consecutive months. Your ad will also be posted on our display board at the entrance to the Legion on a 7" X 7" placard. Business Card Size Ad = $50.00. Half-Page Ad = $75.00. Full-Page Ad = $100.00. Your support is very much appreciated and we are all about supporting local businesses BIG & small.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: MARION BASTIEN



We have a membership of 481

12 Life
78 Ordinary
241 Associate
150 Affiliate Voting
2 Affiliate Non-Voting
0 Centenary

Well folks, it's that time of year again –Dues are due. They are the same as last year - $60 or if you are over 75, it is $50.

Just a reminder - $43.51 goes to Command right off the bat.

September/October and November meetings we will have the Early Bird Draw. Your name gets entered when you pay your 2027 dues and if I draw your ticket, your 2028 dues will be paid by the Branch.

The winner of the month of September was Bucky Patterson. His name was pulled at the General Membership meeting.

The Royal Canadian Legion is now 300,000 members strong, with 100,000 of them being new centenary members. We all continue to share a common purpose, to serve our Veterans, promote Remembrance, and strengthen our communities.

Please remember to check out our benefit members website https://www.legion.ca/member-login/memberperks – maybe save yourself some money, there are many benefits to becoming a member.

If you'd like further information about being a member and how to apply, please refer to the Legion Webpage for further information.

Your Legion membership can help you save$$$

MemberPerks gives Legion members access to thousands of offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada, including national chains, local businesses and online stores.
MemberPerks **is included free with membership. It can save you $1000s every year — so your membership could pay for itself many times over! Sign up or sign in today to start saving.**

New to the Legion? You can access MemberPerks30 days after your Legion membership number has been issued. Watch for an email coming in the next few weeks with information on how to activate your MemberPerks account!

KITCHEN CONVEYNOR: MARION BASTIEN

Things are picking up now that the leagues are back. Unfortunately on Monday and Tuesday nights there weren't enough sales to make it profitable for Cramdon's (Cost of food, employees, etc) so they won't be open on either of those nights.

When they came on here they bought equipment and stock and paid for repairs. They thought there would be more business and so as of yet they haven't realized any profit. We will meet again with them at the end of October. Remember we can't have a kitchen open if people aren't buying from them.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: DENISE BEAUDOIN

There's plenty of entertainment happening at the branch. Dart leagues are back. There's Euchre, karaoke, and live music all day Saturdays! There's lots of dart leagues to join and if you aren't sure about joining weekly there is a mixed league on Thursday that plays all spares and only costs $3 to play if you want to just give it a try or can't play every week.
Kimmie Lo continues to do karaoke every Wednesday. Mel has started doing karaoke every other Friday. We had a couple bumps in the road with sound and took some suggestions from the ladies darts. The following week we were told that is was enjoyed and have had some men from darts and some ladies from darts come and sing and stay till midnight rather than leaving right away after they were done playing. We could definitely use more support.

I've been monitoring very closely the bands coming in. I've been posting weekly who's playing each meat draw and Saturday night line up. I want to thank everyone that's been sharing these posts so that we get the word out!
Please keep an eye on the Legion site and share these posts so we can reach more people. I've had some new bands come in and I'm trying to put in some Country nights as well to bring in more crowds. We have more new bands coming soon as well, Exit 31, Shake Band, Mark Chichkan, Mark Hawken are some and Black Orchid as well will be upcoming.
We have a band named South River Slim coming in our banquet room October 24th and is very well known around Windsor. I've seen him at the casino and he plays at several other places. He does a yearly BIG show and hoping this leads to more gigs and a large yearly show. Tickets are $35 at the bar.
Our Jazz & Blues Festival is October 17th from 12-9. There will be 4 bands playing: Josh Johnson, Coffee House Combo, Velvet Groove, and Retro Candle. Tickets are $10 at the bar.

We have our Yard sale October 24th as well, volunteers are still needed. Our donation dates are Oct 8th and 17th from 12-4.
There is a Vintage market October 23rd from 4-8. There is the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar on November 28th, I believe you contact Betty Vigneux for table rentals.
Don't forget our Ladies Auxiliary bake sales are every second Thursday of the month. The next dates are October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th.
I'm speaking with lots of new bands and hoping we can bring in some well known bands to start bringing in some bigger crowds and new faces.
Please come out and support some of the entertainment we've been putting together and keep sharing the posts.
Don't forget Catzazz will be here for Halloween so get your costumes ready. I'll be discussing prizes and such as we move closer to the date.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for any other entertainment, please don't hesitate to contact me at jackronisi@gmail.com.

LIASON TO LADIES AUXILIARY: MARION BASTIEN

They will be having their monthly bake sale the Thursday, October 8th. Please feel free to donate some goodies. Their Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 28th. Please support them. Zone darts for Ladies Auxiliary is on October 10th.

BINGO REPORT: CATHY DWYER

Volunteers are desperately needed to do Bingo cleanup at Paradise Bingo on Dougall Ave.

This generates a lot of income for the Branch. Please see me to volunteer for a 2-hour session. Your service is appreciated.

paradise gaming centre

1) 2 volunteers are required
2) Dress code and attendance are mandatory (you get to wear a Branch golf shirt)
3) Please send new volunteers along with an experienced volunteer to shadow, for their first assignment
4) 5 business days-notice is required to give up an assignment, failure to do so will result in a compliance violation.

CANTEEN: STACEY MASSE

Ann & I have done a few counts for the inventory, but we are still working on the POS and will update you when I have it up and running to give us the correct inventory. I brought it new Coors Seltzers that are pretty tasty and it gives more choices other then beer. If you want to see some other choices available please let me know by sending me an email staceymasse2264@gmail.com and I will see if they can be added to our bar.

LEGION SENIORS REPORT: LAURA GASKIN

The lunch and learn continues to grow in numbers. Posters are up at the branch for this the next one which is October 14th. Please sign up as the caterer needs to know the numbers for the lunches that will be prepared. Call the branch or myself to be added to the list. The last presentation was a speaker who presented much information about Senior living and Longterm Care. The next speaker on October 14th will be Major Roy Embury (Ret) and he will speak about the Windsor Military Institute. I am hopeful that we continue to grow in numbers as well as knowledge that will benefit ourselves and our community. I am looking forward to seeing new faces at the lunches. Many people have come for lunch, and actually joined our branch. Valerie Blak, continues to send the most delicious pastries with her husband Doug. I thank them both for their generosity and kindness to their community.
If you would like a particular subject discussed please let me know or use the suggestion box located at the members bar.

60's Live continues to entertain us on Thursdays at the Seniors Dance. We celebrated the National Senior's Day on October 1st with a Spaghetti dinner and it was extremely well attended. Kitchen will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner on October 8th for those who attend the cost will be $20 plus tax.
The 50/50 has been as high as $225 to the winner. So come out, enjoy an afternoon of cardio, friends, and take a chance on the 50/50. This money supports our branch and in turn supports Veterans!

Deadline for registration for the next "Lunch & Learn" will be Tuesday, October 13th . Sign up sheet is posted at the Branch or you can call us at 519-254-1024 or email branch644@rcl644.com to register.

Please spread the word.
Laura Gaskin
Legion Senior's Chair 644

HONORS & AWARDS: MARION BASTIEN

The report on the awards that I gave out in June is in the June minutes. I forwarded that report to Marg Sharpe so it would be included in her report for the "District A" Convention.

SPORTS REPORT: BRENT COWELL

It's nice to have all the dart leagues and card leagues back in the Legion. Lots of Zone sports coming up the next few months, sign up sheets in the Sports room. I believe they are trying to get some Crib going on Tuesdays in the afternoons and maybe Shuffleboard on Wednesday afternoons here at the Branch.

OCTOBER

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday 12pm-11pm
Tuesday 12pm-11pm
Wednesday 12pm-11pm
Thursday 12pm – 1am
Friday 12pm – 1am
Saturday 8:30am-1am

~* CLOSED ON SUNDAYS- Unless there is an event *~

CRAMDON'S KITCHEN HOURS

Wednesday 5pm-9pm
Thursday 5pm- 9pm
Friday 4:30pm – 9pm
Saturday 8:30am-9pm

~* FISH FRY FRIDAYS & SATURDAY BREAKFAST *~

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30PM KITCHEN OPEN	**2** Ladies Mixed darts 7:30 Mens Mixed darts 8pm KITCHEN: 4:30pm-9pm	**3** Youth Darts- 9am Mixed Darts – 1pm Joe & Wayne 2-6 Meat Draw 3-6 Crossroads 7-11 KITCHEN: 8:30am-9pm
4 Closed except for special events	**5** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm Kitchen Closed	**6** Executive Meeting 7pm Mixed Euchre 7pm Mixed Darts 7pm Kitchen Closed	**7** Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Darts 6pm-8pm Karaoke 7:30pm-11pm	**8** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30PM KITCHEN OPEN	**9** Karaoke w/ Mel 7-11 Ladies Darts 7pm Men's Darts 8pm KITCHEN: 4:30pm-9pm	**10** Youth Darts- 9am Mixed Darts – 1pm Charlene 2-6 Meat Draw 3-6 Crowbar Hotel 7-11 KITCHEN: 8:30am-9pm
11 Closed except for special events	**12** HAPPY THANKSGIVING Branch Closed	**13** LA Meeting 7pm Mixed Euchre 7pm Mixed Darts (moose) 7pm Kitchen closed	**14** Lunch & Learn 12pm-2pm Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Darts 6pm-8pm Karaoke 7:30pm-11pm	**15** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30 KITCHEN OPEN	**16** TRIVIA 7pm Ladies Darts 7pm Men's Darts 8pm KITCHEN: 4:30pm-9pm	**17** Youth Darts- 9am Mixed Darts – 1pm Steve Bonnici 2-6 Meat Draw 3-6 Charlene 7-11 Jazz & Blues Festival 12-9 KITCHEN: 8:30am-9pm
18 Closed except for special events	**19** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm Kitchen- Closed	**20** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Mixed Darts (moose league) 7pm Kitchen- Closed	**21** Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Darts 6pm-8pm Karaoke 7:30pm-11pm	**22** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30 KITCHEN OPEN	**23** Ladies mixed darts 7:30 Mens mixed darts 8pm Vintage Market 4-8 Karaoke w/ Mel 7-11 Ladies Darts 7pm Men's Darts 8pm KITCHEN: 4:30pm-9pm	**24** Youth Darts- 9am Mixed Darts – 1pm YARD SALE- 9am-2pm Mark Chichkan 2-6 Meat Draw 3-6 Next Level 7-11 South River Slim (Rolling Stones Tribute) 8pm **POPPY CAMPAIGN STARTS** KITCHEN: 8:30am-9pm
25 Closed except for special events	**26** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm **Halloween week starts!** Kitchen- Closed	**27** General Meeting 7pm Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Mixed Darts (moose league) 7pm Costumes :) Kitchen closed	**28** Lunch & Learn 12pm-2pm Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Darts 6pm-8pm Karaoke 7:30pm-11pm Costumes :) Kitchen Closed	**29** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30 KITCHEN OPEN Costumes :)	**30** Ladies mixed darts 7:30 Mens mixed darts 8pm Karaoke w/ Mel 7-11 Ladies Darts 7pm Men's Darts 8pm Costumes :) KITCHEN: 4:30pm-9pm	**31** Youth Darts- 9am Mixed Darts – 1pm Acoustics Unlimited 2-6 Meat Draw 3-6 Halloween Party with Catzazz 7-11 

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IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED

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519-300-0875

RCL Branch 644

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Every Thursday 2-6



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Have questions? Contact us at:
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1570 Marentette
Windsor, ON
Support Local. Spread Joy.

3:19 p.m.



Free burial plots –For veterans and their spouses. For details contact Windsor Memorial Gardens at 519-969-4146.



The Legion Veteran Welcome Program

Support Canadian Veterans with a FREE one-year Legion membership

Currently serving or retired **CAF and RCMP members** who have not yet joined are eligible to receive their free first year of membership with the Legion.

The free first year of membership is also open to **spouses, children 18+ and parents or guardians** of Canadian Veterans (serving, retired or passed CAF or RCMP member) who have not yet joined the Legion.

Get to know your Legion. Help us support the Canadian military community and ensure Canada never forgets the sacrifices of those who served.

Learn more and join today
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Working together to serve Canada's Veterans