Ambassador & Walkerville Branch 644

NOVEMBER 2026



Band Schedule for November

Nov7th–Folk Around & Find Out-2-6 pm
Nov 7th - 60s Live - 7–11 pm
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Nov 14th–Common Ground -2-6pm
Nov 14th – Electric Blue-7-11 pm
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Nov 21st–Mark & Aaron - 2-6 pm
Nov 21st–Black Orchid - 7-11 pm
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Nov 28th– Mickey - 2-6 pm
Nov 28th –Catzazz - 7-11 pm
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"Those who sacrificed their tomorrow helped shape the opportunities we experience today."

- Anonymous

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2nd Vice President- Laura Gaskin

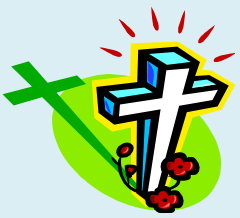
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Branch Hours
Tuesday – 6 - 11 pm
Wednesday – Noon till 11pm
Thursday, Friday – Noon- 12am
Saturday - Noon till 1am
Sunday & Monday –Closed

Last Post



WVMSC
From June 1, 2025 we have lost 25 Veterans, 17 Comrades, and did 7 Services.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Ambassador and Walkerville

Branch 644June 2026

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

The President: Stacey Masse
Chaplain: Padre Stan Fraser

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Marion Bastien
Poppy: Blake Bashura
Veteran`s Service Officer: Laura Gaskin
Legion Seniors: Laura Gaskin
Public Relations Officer: Josiah Celestine & Stacey Masse
Sports Officer: Brent Cowell
Track and Field: Cheryl Wood
Training, Organization and Development: Laura Gaskin
Youth Education: Stacey Masse
Bursary: Cheryl Wood

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

House: Kim Sween
Canteen and Bar: Stacey Masse
Ways and Means: Marion Bastien
Entertainment: Denise Beaudoin
Bingo: Cathy Dwyer
Donations:Cheryl Ganney
Honors and Awards: Marion Bastien
WVMS: Karl Lovett
Legion Supplies: Cheryl Ganney
Zone:Stacey Masse
Resolutions, By-Laws, and Regulations: Marion Bastien
Newsletter: Stacey Masse
Liaison to Ladies Auxiliary: Marion Bastien
Liaison to RCNA: Ron Sitarz
Liaison to Cadets Blake Bashura
SGT at Arms: Darren Bulmer
Liaison to Veteran's Council: Karl Lovett
Kitchen Conveynor: Marion Bastien

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: STACEY MASSE

As we finish the month of October we see that it's getting busier at the Branch now that the leagues are back.

The preparation for the Poppy Campaign has been a challenging one but the new executives and other volunteers have really stepped up and helped as much as they can to get the ball rolling.

I mentioned that October was the month of music and the events that we had here were very entertaining and well attended.

As the days get shorter and time travels much quicker this time of year, there is limited time for out Poppy Campaign, so please sign up on the board to help distribute poppies.

Regarding the meat draws, they have been cancelled until further notice. I am working hard on getting the report completed. I will let you know as soon as we get a response from the City.

Check out the website and social media to see what events are coming up next for Branch 644!

ZONE REPORT: STACEY MASSE

The next zone meeting is in February.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: LAURA GASKIN

I continue to truly enjoy being able to help Veterans. I am happier being able to be of service to others. It is a common theme especially among people who were willing volunteers. Every one of us took an oath as members of the RCL to actively participate in the Poppy Campaign.

So what does active participation mean? Each of us perhaps has a different picture of this but if you are able to deliver poppy boxes, do it. If you can stand outside of one of our many distribution areas, just do it. Every little bit helps our Poppy Fund. If all you can do is write a cheque, please do it. Our vets are helped by donations from our Poppy fund accounts into accounts that are distributed at a higher level than our individual branches. I have had a few calls today, telling me that the poppies are being distributed too early. I never imagined people in my family have come to notice some workings of the RCL. How can a service officer help a vet? Well I can assist any veteran with different levels of paperwork. I mostly can refer veterans toward all other service officers at a higher level. Especially Provincial Command, I can help with veteran's plates, I may hear of the other programs which change continually. Please make sure you apply for your NDI-75. Everything starts with identification!

The city of Windsor still offers a bus pass for life, for all veterans. I can help with this. Every vet should utilize this option on a use it goes the way of the "do-do hard". Winter will be upon all of us shortly, why not use the city bus? If you are supporting the branch at our bar and you are too tipsy, let's take the bus.

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: CHERYL WOOD

Forms and guidelines are available online until March 26, 2027 and can be submitted digitally to bursary@on.legion.ca

-Must already be attending post secondary school
-Must be verified by a branch or aux. officer
-$1,250/ per year

Mailed application can be sent to:

The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
89 Industrial Parkway N.
Aurora, ON L4G 4C4

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 summer, please check out our facebook page, website, and posters around the branch if you would like to attend.

For those of you who read the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (part 1) that I sent through email with the October newsletter, here is the 2nd part…

I mentioned how Tombs of Unknown Soldiers came about after WWI. Let me take you on a journey about how the British soldier was chosen.

It was decided to choose four soldiers who were killed and not identified. Any indication of their regiment or rank, if still visible, was removed. The remains of the four were laid in simple caskets and covered with the Union Jack in a cathedral. A cadre of senior officers would choose one. When this was done, the remaining three were put in caskets and reinterred in the cemetery in St. POI. Now began the journey.

A service was held by Padres of different faiths and the body taken to Boulogne. Arrival to Boulogne saw a large turnout of troops to honour the soldier. From here they awaited the arrival of HMS Verdun.

Upon arrival the ship was made ready and a formal military procession escorted the body to the ship where it was with great ceremony boarded. From here it went to Verdun France where he lay in state. It went by train to London then to the final resting place. All this done with much pomp and circumstance.

Our Tomb of the Unknown soldier followed a similar procedure and is now visited by many. I visited within days of the sentries being shot by a sniper. It was a moving experience as I knew the name of those killed and remembered all the unknown by being there.

If you have the chance to go to Ottawa, be sure to visit our memorial to those we lost but can't name.

Pause and lay a poppy.

We will remember those we know and those who are unknown to us.

We must not forget.



THREE WAYS FOR LEGION MEMBERS TO QUALIFY TO WIN A FORD F-150 STX!

Renew Your Membership

Renew online or phone before December 19, 2026 and be automatically entered for a chance to win!

Shop the Legion's Store

First time shoppers on the Legion's store after membership renewal, you're entered for another chance to win!

Donate to the Poppy Fund

Donate online to the Poppy Fund after you renew, and be automatically entered for another chance to win!

Members have until December 19, 2026 to renew and earn additional entries through an online purchase or donation.No purchase necessary. Terms and conditions apply. Read full Terms & Conditions.



Members celebrating their birthday in November

Daniel R O'Connor, Marie-Anne Lariviere, Cyril T. Bevan, Robert Potts, Christine Watt, Gordon W Poff Sr., Lisa Lehoux, David Howell, Albert E Giles, Carol E Hedrick, Cecil H J Small, Murray E. Pickle, Kenneth Gray, Michael Fox, Kim Ouimet, Robert Drago, Ed Arnold, Donna Carter, Rick Fairlie, Thomas Mahon, Kathy J Blazek, Richard Allan Green, Glen Swatmen, Robert Hood, Rob Wallace, Theresa Butts, Donn Jean Lozon, Mary Jane Miller, Beth Robinet, Glen EJ Clark, Miroslav Tot, Joseph F Tanguay, Marlana Laporte, and Bonnie Campeau

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 493

12 Life
79 Ordinary
243 Associate
156 Affiliate Voting
3 Affiliate Non-Voting
0 Centenary

So we are half was through our renewal of dues period. Dues are coming in slowly, please don't let your membership lapse.

When new centenary members pay for 2027 I will put in a request for membership cards but note: it will take a while to get them.

Canada Post has unveiled a new stamp commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Since July 1926 the legion has played an important role in supporting out Canadian Veterans and their families. Here's to another hundred years! On another note: we have acquired a few new additions to the MemberPerks Program, Check it out. Save yourself some money. Let you membership work for you.

The early bird draw winner that was pulled at the October membership meeting was Patricia Godden.

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

LIAISON TO LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT: MARION BASTIEN

They are having their bazaar on November 28th please come out and support them. They are also doing the Christmas Tree Gift Card Raffle again this year. Buy you tickets – Take a chance.

HONOURS AND AWARDS: MARION BASTIEN

On Monday, I had the pleasure of presenting Yvette Montague with her 50 year medal. She has been an inspiration to many of us. I also gave her son Cameron Montague his 40 year pin.

If you think you should be getting a pin, please let me know.

KITCHEN CONVEYNOR: MARION BASTIEN

We are still trying to work things out with them. To make it feasible for them we need more business. They can't stay open when there are no customers. We have had some good reviews on their food. We did an appreciation pasta dinner for the seniors. It went really well. We have a meeting with them soon and I will report on that next meeting.

CANTEEN: STACEY MASSE

I have ordered a few new products for your enjoyment at the bar. Busch light, Coors Light Seltzers, and Budweiser 0% are now available.

I have been doing regular inventory checks and am still working on the POS system.

SPORTS REPORT: BRENT COWELL

Well great news for our Branch, we took 1st place in the Senior darts on the 24th of October so we will be hosting the event next year. Congrats to Wayne Ducharme, JP Labelle, Mark Tiffin, and Ken Winik.

If you are interested in the Zone sports events, please check out the board in the Sports room at the branch and sign up.

Luck of the Draw is Monday nights at 7:30pm. We have mixed darts Thursdays at 7:30 and they play all spares. Looking to start a Pepper league and Cribbage; so whoever is interested please leave your contact info at the bar.

WAYS & MEANS: MARION BASTIEN

Remembrance Day is soon upon us. Please try to attend one of the many services in the city. That evening we will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day Dinner. Veterans and their caregivers are free. Get a delicious Roast Beef dinner for $20, tickets are at the bar.



We are working on our annual Breakfast with Santa event that will be held on December 5th. We will provide more information once we confirm menu with the kitchen.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: DENISE BEAUDOIN

We recently had a concert by South River Slim which was a huge success. Coming up lots of good entertainment! Elvis show will be on December 4th, the Neil Diamond show was well attended on October 30th. 80s Gone Wild will be coming in the future. Come out and enjoy!!

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: STACEY MASSE

I am trying my best to advertise as much as I can and get the word out with what's happening at the Branch and Josiah is still updating the media tv which is a huge help. I ask that you keep sharing the posts we put up as that gives us more coverage on the promoting of the events and such.

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.

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.

LEGION SENIORS REPORT: LAURA GASKIN

We have had our lunch and learn series going for the last 6 months and members have settled at about 25-30 people. It is free for every senior who wishes to come out and share in our camaraderie and listen to a guest speaker.

The senior dinner and dance still is a hit with the attendees. They love to dance the afternoon away to the sounds of 60s Live.
There was a costume party last Thursday and there was a nice variety of people who dressed up and someone was given a prize for best costume.

Next Lunch & Learn will happen on November 4th because the next one would've been November 11th so we are doing 2 in a row instead. We are all looking forward to that one.

POPPY REPORT: BLAKE BASHURA

First of all I'd like to thank everyone that volunteered so far for the poppy campaign. I have spoke to the Cadet corps and they will be distributing poppies on November 7th.

There's still time to volunteer, so if you have time to go to one of our distribution areas, please sign up on the board located at the branch.





NOVEMBER 2026

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 3pm- 9pm
Friday 4:30pm – 9pm
Saturday 8:30am-9pm

~* FISH FRY FRIDAYS & SATURDAY BREAKFAST *~

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	2 Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm **Kitchen Closed**	**3** Mixed Euchre 7-9 Mixed Darts (moose league) 7-9 **Kitchen Closed**	**4** Recreational Darts 6pm Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Karaoke 7-11 Kitchen 5 -8	**5** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts (7:30PM) Kitchen 3-9	**6** Ladie's darts 7:30 Men's darts 8pm Karaoke w/ Mel 7-11 Kitchen: 4:30pm-9pm	**7** Remembrance Service 5pm Most Precious Blood Church Folk Around & Find Out 2-6 60s Live 7-11 Kitchen: 9am-9pm
8 Remembrance Service Br644 St John Anglican Church 10:30am Closed	**9** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of Draw (Darts) 7:30pm **Kitchen Closed**	**10** Exec Meeting 7PM Mixed Euchre 7-9 Mixed Darts 7-9 **Kitchen Closed**	**11** Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Kitchen 5 -8 BRANCH 644 Remembrance Day Dinner 5:30pm	**12** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30 Kitchen 3-9	**13** Ladie's darts 7:30 Men's darts 8pm Kitchen: 4:30pm-9pm	**14** Common Ground 2-6 Electric Blue 7-11 Kitchen: 9am-9pm
15 Closed except for special events	**16** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm **Kitchen Closed**	**17** L.A. Meeting 7PM Mixed Euchre 7-9 Mixed Darts (moose league) 7-9 **Kitchen Closed**	**18** Recreational Darts 6pm Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Karaoke 7-11 Kitchen 5 -8	**19** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts 7:30 Kitchen 3-9	**20** Ladie's darts 7:30 Men's darts 8pm Karaoke w/ Mel 7-11 Kitchen: 4:30pm-9pm	**21** Mark & Aaron 2-6 Black Orchid 7-11 Kitchen: 9am-9pm
22 Closed except for special events	**23** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm **Kitchen Closed**	**24** Mixed Euchre 7-9 Mixed Darts (moose league) 7-9 **Kitchen Closed**	**25** Recreational Darts 6pm Walkerville Darts 6:30pm Karaoke 7-11 Kitchen 5 -8	**26** Senior's Dinner & Dance 2-6 Mixed Darts (7:30PM) Kitchen 3-9	**27** Trivia 7:00pm Ladie's darts 7:30 Men's darts 8pm Kitchen: 4:30pm-9pm	**28** Mickey 2-6 Catzazz 7-11 Kitchen: 9am-10pm
29 Closed except for special events	**30** Mixed Euchre 7pm-9pm Luck of the Draw (Darts) 7:30pm **Kitchen Closed**	DEC 1 General Members Meeting 7pm Mixed Euchre 7-9 Mixed Darts (moose 7pm) **Kitchen Closed**				

NOVEMBER NOTABLE DATES

- Renewals
- 1 Announcement of National Silver Cross Mother
- 5-11 Veterans' Week
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 10 Passchendaele ends (1917)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 First World War ends - Armistice Day (1918)
- 14 King Charles III birthday (1948)
- 18 Battle of the Somme (1916)
- 25-27 National Unity Conference (1925)
- 30 John McCrae's birthday (1872) (In Flanders Fields)

2026 Zone A1 Remembrance Services	
Sat Nov 7th 11am	Legion Br 261 Town of Hall Tecumseh Parade to Cenotaph
Sat Nov 7th 1pm	Legion Br 255 Riverside Miracle Park
Sat Nov 7th. 5pm	Legion Br 644 at Most Precious Blood Church, 1947 Meldrum Rd, (at Tec Rd E)
Sun Nov 8th 10:30am	Legion Br 644 St. John Anglican Church, 3305 Sandwich St
Sun Nov 8th 1pm	Legion Br 594 at Branch 594
Wed Nov 11th 10:00am	Branch 594 Open for community to watch Remembrance Services on TV's
Wed Nov 11th 10:55am	Branch 255 Service at Branch
Wed Nov 11th 11am	City of Windsor, Cenotaph in front of City Hall, led by Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee
Wed Nov 11th 11am	*Town of LaSalle service will have a Legion wreath with Jim McGhie as the representative.*
Wed Nov 11th 6:30pm	Legion Br 644, Remembrance Service and Dinner
Wed Nov 11th 7:00pm	LaSalle Vipers Remembrance Ceremony, Vollmer Centre, LaSalle

SERVING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1926

VETERANS WINDSOR MEMORIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED

The Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee is a volunteer organization that has been in existence for 100 years, providing support for Veterans and their families. Dignified funeral services are available free of charge for all Veterans. If you know of anyone that may be in need of our services, or would like to join our organization, please feel free to call our Committee at ;

519-300-0875

RCL Branch 644

SENIOR'S DINNER & DANCE

Come join us...All welcome

Every Thursday 2-6



Come join in on all the fun!
Entertaining with their decades of talent, "60s Live" will get you on the dance floor or leave you tapping your feet at your seat playing all the good 'ol tunes!

1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor (519) 254-1024

Singles 50+ Social Club

for widowed, divorced, separated & never married individuals over 50

Weekly meetings
on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 644
1570 Marentette Ave., Windsor, ON

Have questions? Contact us at:
50plussocialsinglessecretary1@gmail.com

DART NIGHT

EVERYONE WELCOME

$5 TO PLAY

LUCK OF THE DRAW
MONDAY NIGHTS

Starts at 7:30m, please come early to register

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
(519) 965-2264 or (226) 724-7235

RCL BRANCH 644 1570 Marentette, Windsor

Legion Br644 Medal Brothers QUALITY MEATS & DELI

Every Saturday

$1 Per Ticket MEAT DRAW

20x Meat Prizes

+50/50 DRAW

1st Draw at 3:30pm

Ticket sales start at 3PM

Kitchen Open

Live Music

1570 Marentette Avenue, Windsor ON



Contact Betty for a table :)



Elvis show coming DEC 4TH!!!!



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
Legion.ca/welcome

Working together to serve Canada's Veterans