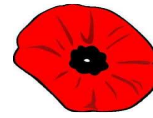




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Last Post

April – David Petry – Korean Vet & Life Member
 - Barbara Treleven
 - John Todd

Please let us know of any members who have passed away so we can offer assistance to the family, inform the membership, and update our records. Contact the Branch President at: President@legion593.com

Branch Service Officer

Our **Branch Service Officer** (Veterans Service Officer) is **Bruce May**.

As a veteran himself Bruce is available to assist any Veteran with a potential claim, or help you determine what benefits you may be entitled to.

Please include your contact phone number when you email the Branch Service Officer.

You can reach Bruce at: VSO@legion593.com

Don't Forget

Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP Veterans and serving members are eligible for a free, one-year Legion membership.

NEW - A free first year of membership is also now open to all parents or guardians, spouses and children 18+ of serving, retired or passed CAF and RCMP members who had not joined the Legion in the past.

Contact our Membership Chairman on how to apply.
Membership@legion593.com

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Weekly Branch Events

Euchre – Each Tuesday night at 7pm in the downstairs Banquet Hall.

Darts – Each Wednesday night at 7pm in downstairs Banquet Hall.

Darts - Darts Drop-in Saturdays - 12pm

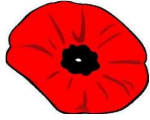
Branch Pool League – Will pause during the summer but the league will re-start again in September.

Rentals of the Branch halls can be requested. Contact the Branch at 613 829-4609 or legion593.ca@rogers.com

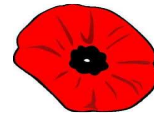
Slow Down – In Branch Driveway

Please slow down as you enter using the Branch driveway. We have noticed a number of folks driving too quickly in and out of our driveway. No need for someone to get injured or the feeling you may have if you strike one of our members or guests in your haste.





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**Bells Corners Branch #593
Branch Executive Committee – 2024/25**

**Branch 593 Elections Now Deferred
To 21 May 2024**

- President – TBD
- Past President – Shawn Taillon
- 1st Vice – TBD
- 2nd Vice – TBD
- 3rd Vice – TBD
- Secretary – TBD
- Treasurer – TBD
- Chaplin –TBD

- Sgt-at- Arms – TBD

- Branch Chair – TBD

- Branch Service Officer - TBD
- Membership Chair – TBD
- Bar /Manager – TBD
- Bingo – TBD
- Poppy Trust – TBD
- Public Relations – TBD
- Bursary – TBD
- Constitution & Laws – TBD
- Entertainment – TBD
- Poppy Campaign – TBD
- Seniors & Visitation – TBD
- Grants & Assistance – TBD
- Sports - Track & Field – TBD
- Housing & Property – TBD
- Ways & Means - TBD
- Honors & Awards – TBD
- Youth Education – TBD
- Leadership & Development – TBD

Branch Events At Bells Corners Br #593

Saturday Afternoon Dance – April 27, 2024

Band – Ace Of Eights - 1 to 5pm

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday, May 4th, 2024 - 8 – Ball Singles - Registration at 10am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – May 4th, 2024

Band – Rambler Boulevard (new Band at 593)
1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – May 25th, 2024

Band – The Tune Junkies (new Band at 593)
1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – June 8th, 2024

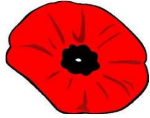
Band – Divided Highway – 1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – June 22, 2024

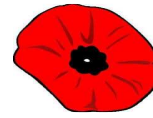
Band – Rick King Band
1-5pm

Once the new Branch Executive take over after the May 21st election, they will quickly build a new entertainment calendar for the rest of the year

Watch the Branch website for updates in June/July/Aug



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Saturday Afternoon Dance - Change

Important Notice To All Branch Members

**Many Branch Afternoon Dances
Now Have A Cover Charge**

A cover charge will be implemented to enter the front lounge where the Band is playing.

Cover Charge Explanation

For any Legion Member in good standing;

- no charge, however;
- a Legion Membership card or recent receipt is now required;

For Non-members - the charge will be \$5.00;

**Access to the front lounge will only be thru the lobby,
as the bar access door will be closed during the dance.**

This change was approved by the Branch Executive Committee



Bells Corners #593 held our Annual Branch Volunteer Appreciation Award Ceremony Held On Sunday April 14th, 1pm.

Our Annual Branch Honors & Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday April 14th, where we were able to identify many of our members with well deserved recognition for their volunteer work with Branch 593. Homemade deserts & sandwiches, cheese, and fruit were available to all who attended, and was free.

Legionnaire Of The Year

We would like to congratulate Ron & Claire O'Brien on being outstanding volunteers, both being awarded **Legionnaire Of The Year**.

Congratulations to members of Branch 593 who were recognized with a

Branch Appreciation Certificate.

Patsy Niles	Jake McDavid	Rocky Riddiford
George Kiefl	Joan McConnell	John Granata
Stan Timpson	Lynn Homer	Susan Gilchrist
Lee McCuaig	Mike Walker	Joanne Niles
Drew Barton	Linda Barton	Sandra Stephanik
Tracy Price	Dale Plumb	Debbie McCarthy
Caleigh Tempeny		

Congratulations to members of Branch 593 who were recognized with a:

Branch Certificate Of Merit.

Sue Jannack	Larry Jannack
Robert Harkness	Angie Miner
Susan Fenn	Lorraine Smith
Dave Treleven	

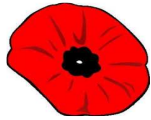


**Veterans Commemorative Park - District G
Located On Hwy 416 - Exit 40 (River Rd)**

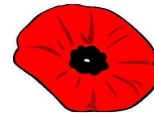


Along Hwy 416 At Exit 40, There Is a Magnificent Park Sponsored By You, The Members of District G
It Is Dedicated To Those Who Have Served & Those Currently Serving In The Canadian Armed Forces
Stop By And Visit Your Park Anytime





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BELLS CORNERS



Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL)

General Meeting



**Monthly General Meetings
Are Held The 3rd Monday Of Each Month
(not held in July/Aug, or a stat holiday)
Be Informed Be Heard Be Connected**

Legionnaire Of The Year 2023

On Sunday April 14th at our Branch Honours & Awards Ceremony, we were very proud to announce that Bells Corners Legion Branch #593, had 2 Legionnaire Of The Year members chosen for 2023.

Congratulations Ron & Clair O'Brien!



Honours & Awards April 14th 2024

For those who attended, we had homemade sandwiches, cheese platters and homemade deserts. Here are some pictures from our ceremony

Below – Some of our volunteers who have helped with preparing food and event furniture set up during 2023.



Below – Some of our Famous Bartenders.

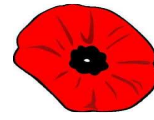


Below – Angie Miner our janitor receiving a Certificate Of Merit. Angie volunteers to cook our lunches, along with any event food or furniture preparation during 2023.





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Honours & Awards April 14th 2024

Below – Patsy & Joanne Niles received an Appreciation Certificate for volunteering to cook our Friday & Saturday lunches during 2023.



Below – Lorraine Smith received a Certificate Of Merit for consistently volunteering to assist in food preparation for our Branch events and KVA dinners throughout 2023. Lorraine was also instrumental in food prep and later layout of our New Years food.



Life Time Membership Awarded

Ron Henderson & Dave Tempeny

Bells Corners Branch #593 would like to congratulate 2 of our members who were nominated by our Branch and have now been approved by the Ontario Command Honors & Awards Committee. A formal presentation to these outstanding volunteers will take place as soon as we receive their plaques, certificates & pins.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!!!

Honours & Awards April 14th 2024

Below- Sue Jannack receiving a Certificate Of Merit for making her scrumptious homemade food for all our Branch events and KVA banquets throughout 2023.

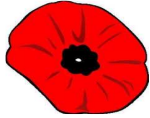


Below – John Granta as a member of a team of volunteers receiving a Certificate of Appreciation who work at Bingoland raising money for our 3 Cadet Corps

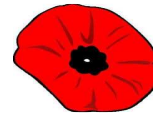


Below – Larry Jannack received a Certificate Of Merit, as one of our outstanding volunteers who will fix/repair anything in the Branch. Larry is also the one who draws and engineers the placement of all the tables for our New Years celebration & dance each year.





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Membership Info For 2024

**\$60.00 – 2024 Yearly Dues After
December 1st 2023**

**Your membership chairperson is Comrade Brian
Taillon.** He can be contacted by calling the Branch at
613-829-4609 or at Membership@legion593.com

Ways to Renew Your Membership

1. Stop by the Branch

4026 Old Richmond Rd., Ottawa.

2. Renew by Phone

1-855-330-3344 (Legion/Dominion HQ)

3. Renew Online

<https://portal.legion.ca/member/membership-renewal>

4. Renew by Mail

Our Branch Mailing address is:

**P.O. Box 11187
Station H, Ottawa, Ontario
K2H 7T9**

Please make cheques payable to **Bells Corners
Legion Branch 593** and in the memo section of your
cheque please write in your Membership number.

**Don't forget to pick up your 2024
Membership card or sticker soonest, to
keep your service years and Legion
Magazine. Stop by and speak with our
bartenders to receive yours.**

Membership Year Pins – Update

Sadly, I have to report that 175 members did not pick up their Membership Year pins in the last 365 days. Pins that were not picked up ranged from 5 years to 45 years' service. Note: Each January a member adds a year to their service to the Legion. Your pin will always be available from the Membership Chair. Contact the Membership Chair at Membership@legion593.com



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Business Hours Spring/Summer 2024

MONDAY – CLOSED

TUESDAY – 1pm TO 10pm

WEDNESDAY – 1pm TO 11pm

THURSDAY – 1pm TO 10pm

FRIDAY – Noon TO 7pm

SATURDAY – Noon TO 6pm

SUNDAY – Noon TO 6pm





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Branch 593 - Veterans Corner - May 2024

Trivia - Can you guess what military unit claimed this as their mascot?



Answer: The HMCS Okanagan

claimed the Pink Panther as their unofficial Mascot. The Okanagan was commissioned on the 26th of June 1968. It was based out of Halifax as part of the 1st Canadian Submarine Squadron. In 1973 it collided with the RFA Grey Rover (British Supply Ship). The collision caused extensive damage to the conning tower yet no one was hurt. In October and November of 1990, The Okanagan became the first Canadian Submarine to do Great Lakes cruise. The Okanagan was decommissioned on 14th of September 1998.

Veterans Service Card

All Veterans can apply for a Veterans Service Card. You are eligible if you have completed basic training and have been honourably released from the Canadian Armed Forces.

The new Veteran's Service Card provides a tangible symbol of recognition for former Canadian Armed Forces members and encourages an enduring affiliation with the Canadian Armed Forces. Some companies and organizations offer discounts to Veterans, but any commercial or other benefits that may accrue to a Veteran's Service Card holder will be at the discretion of the granting entity..."

You can either apply on line or by mail. Log into Veterans Affairs at the following website and follow the instructions.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/benefits-military/transition/service-card.html>

Veterans Corner - Cont

CF1 Card

Website: <https://cfmws.ca/about-us/cfone-registration>

The following are FAQ from the CF1 website

Who is eligible for CF1 card?

The card is available to CAF members, veterans and their families. To obtain a CFOne card or a Veteran's service card as a veteran, you must have successfully completed basic training and obtained an honorable discharge. Sep 18, 2018.

What are the benefits of a CFOne card?

The CFOne Card confirms an individual's membership within the CAF community and provides access to morale and welfare programs and services, such as the CF Appreciation Program (the official discount program of the CAF community), CANEX Rewards (the program that rewards you for shopping at CANEX) and the Armed Forces ...

Do Canadian Veterans get discounts?

Canadian Forces (CF) Appreciation Program: The CF Appreciation Program offers discounts to all military personnel and their families. It includes a variety of discounts from major brands and businesses. Deals are being added regularly so keep yourself updated by visiting the website.

Do Canadian veterans get into national parks for free?

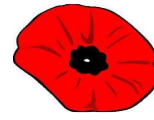
Parks Canada will provide free daily admission to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, Canadian Veterans, and their immediate families beginning January 1, 2024, upon presentation of their CF One Platinum card. Dec 19, 2023

What is a CF1 platinum card?

What is a CF One Platinum card? Through the CF One Program, Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans and their immediate families receive a platinum card, and can get exclusive discounts and savings, earn rewards, and access personalized financial, fitness and wellness programs exclusive to the military community. Dec 19, 2023



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Veterans Corner - Cont

Veterans Plates

Follow this link or contact you local BSO to learn how to apply.

<https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/veterans-licence-plate>

Did you know that if your Vehicle has an Ontario Veteran license plate you are permitted to park for free in all municipal paid parking locations, but you are required to abide by any time limits which may apply to that city/town location. This exemption does not apply to permit parking or non-parking areas.....Aug 10, 2022

The Story Behind A Few Navy Toasts

In Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson's navy, his officers were aware that promotion likely depended on a higher than usual casualty rate among their superiors. So a traditional wardroom toast was raised to "A bloody war or a sickly season." They also toasted "Wives and sweethearts! [Pause.] May they never meet." But that was in a politically incorrect era.

Finally, to all Veterans

..." Thank you for your sacrifices, for your valor, for the things you carry, for protecting us, and for defending our rights. Thank you to all our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe..."

If you have anything else that you would like to see published in The Veteran's corner, please contact me.

Bruce May
Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL)
Branch Service Officer
VSO@legion593.com

Branch Sports Update



On Saturday April 13, 2024 Bells Corners Legion sent 3 teams of 4 to the Chalk River Branch 562 to play in the District G Euchre Tournament. We had a great time, laughed a lot, met players from Zones 1-9 who qualified to play and represent their Branches.

Unfortunately Bells Corners Legion teams did not qualify to go on to Provincials. We gave it our best, said goodbye to new friends, left smiling knowing a good time was had by all. The teams were: **Team 1**-Roger Champagne, John MacMillan, Kathy Sheldon and Sue St-Germain **Team 2**-Mary and Steve Hodge, Viviane and Craig Lester **Team 3**-Fred Quigg, Leo Bourque, Susan Gilchrist and Joan McConnell ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣.

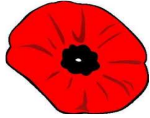
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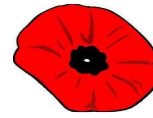
**Join Us For Lunch On
Fridays & Saturdays - 12 to 2pm**

**Hamburger Platter, Cheese
Burger, Chicken Burgers, Fries,
Hotdogs, Hotdog Platter,
Chicken Strips
Famous 593 Poutine**

Gravy Available With All



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From The President's Stone Tablet

Update - Branch Elections were held on Monday April 15th

With only 1 nomination for President, a complication arose that the member nominated had not attended 3 General Membership meetings within the last year. This meant that the nomination was not eligible at this moment, for the election on Monday 15 April according to our Branch Regulations.

Yes, a complication. With the only nomination for President, ineligible, the election process was STOPPED, and not completed that night. A Branch must have a President position elected first, before continuing on to elect or nominate the other Branch positions.

Branch 593 must therefore have second election night. We will now have a second election in 30 days, which **will be held on Tuesday 21 May, 7pm** to begin the election process again to nominate and elect a Branch President.

Please understand that this situation is a very, odd one indeed, and with the co-operation of all involved from the Ontario Command President, Ontario Command Constitution & Laws Committee, and our Branch Executive, **we will NOT be closing the Branch.** BUT, we will, I am very confident, be able to elect a President on **Tuesday May 21st**. However, for the process to work best, the Branch needs as many members as possible to attend the next Elections, and General Meeting in May.

Next Update – Notice Of Two(2) Motions

I will now also be identifying to all our members that on Monday 15 April, General Membership Meeting, 2 X Notice Of Motions were made by the membership to amend or change the wording of our current Branch Regulations.

From The President's Stone Tablet – Con't

This process is normal procedure if the membership feels there needs to be a change to any of our Branch Regulations or operating rules. Once a Notice Of Motion has been made, the discussion and vote will take place 30 days after at the next General Membership meeting.

This allows all our membership to review and discuss amongst themselves any changes that are proposed. The 2 x Notice of Motions will be posted in the Branch at the Bar for everyone to view or take a copy, along with a copy of the current Branch Regulations. All members will receive either an email or letter describing the 2 x Notice Of Motions outlined below.

1.The membership is encouraged to amend the Branch Regulation Article S.1208.(1) that identifies and is written currently, "The financial authority of the Executive Committee shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Legion Ontario Command has approved on 23 Jan 2024 a Province (Branch) wide recommendation to change, update from \$500.00 to \$2,000 (Two Thousand dollars) The membership will debate/discuss the following:
-To change the current amount from \$500.00 to \$2,000 as approved by Legion Ontario Command.

2.The membership may amend or keep as written the Branch Regulation Article S.404.(1) that currently identifies and is written "A voting member, to be eligible for election to office, must attend a minimum of 3 (three) General Membership meeting(s) during a current fiscal year, prior to the Election Meeting. The membership will now discuss and vote for one of the following:

- To keep or change the current number from 3 to another number;
- To eliminate this Article from the current Branch Regulations;
- To change the current fixed number of 3 to a % of meetings as outlined in follow-on Article S.404.(2) Item (2).