



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



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Last Post

August

- Sadly, we lost Victor Coroyin August a 26-year ordinary member of Bells Corners Branch.

Please let us know of any passing of members so we can inform the membership and update our records.

You can also contact the Branch Chaplin at 613-828-2314 or weasle3@rogers.com

Please inform the Branch President at: President@legion593.com

Whenever we are notified of a Legion Tribute or Celebration of Life, we will pass this information to all our members.

Branch COVID Phase 3 Hours

Sunday – Closed

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – 1 to 6 pm

Thursday – 1 to 6 pm

Friday - Noon to 8 pm

Saturday – Noon to 6 pm

The Executive will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to our hours as required.

COVID-19 - We're Doing OK

The Executive believes we have developed a plan to safely re-open the Branch following all the recommendations and guidelines by the different levels of government. Please be patient with us as it will still be a while before the branch will be back to normal operations. The Executive will make changes and review our plan continually to ensure the safety of all members and guests.

Please remember the following rules when you visit the Branch;

- **must wear a facemask at all time unless you are seated;**
- **must sign in at the bar upon entering the branch;**
- **tables are not allowed to be moved and must respect the requirements of physical distance between them;**
- **please keep the number of persons at your table to a maximum of 6 people; (City of Ottawa Health)**
- **The Branch is limited to 50 people in the whole building at any one time.**

At the August Executive meeting, the following decisions regarding the fall season events were made;

- Grey Cup party is cancelled due the cancellation of the CFL 2020 season;
- Our Annual Veterans Dinner which would be held on Sunday, November 8th, 2020 has been postponed until a future date;
- Veterans and Seniors Christmas Party planned for Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 has been postponed to a future date;
- Friday night dinners are on hold until further notice;
- Friday night dances are on hold until further notice;
- Euchre, Darts & Pool Leagues are on pause until further notice;
- Rentals of the Branch Halls are paused until further notice.



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Membership

**2020 Legion Membership
Renewal News**

Early Bird Membership
\$50.00 per membership
September 1st to November 30th

**Purchase your Early Bird membership
NOW**
and your name is entered into our draws
held each month to December!

Prizes

October 1st, 2019
– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for Loblaws

November 1st, 2019
– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for the LCBO

December 1st, 2019
- \$50.00 VISA Gift Card

**Your name will remain eligible for the
draws unless you are a winner. Get your
membership now to win.**

**BE THE
CHANGE**

**VOLUNTEER &
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**



**Volunteers Needed Now
At Your Branch**

Over the past 59 years our members have volunteered to assist the Branch in many aspects, from our annual Poppy Campaign, to all the different functions we hold over the year. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that have assisted the Branch over the years.

Over time and with life changes in various forms, some of our volunteers are now unable to continue in their current positions. Now more than ever, the Branch is in need of volunteers, (new and old) to step up and help us achieve the mission of the Legion.

Areas where the Branch needs immediate help are:

- **Volunteer Bartenders (we have only two bartenders currently)**
 - o **If we do not get some more volunteers for the bar, we will not be able to expand the branch hours or guarantee that the present hours will continue.**
- **Many positions on the Branch Executive need to be filled, please let us know if you are willing to take on a challenge with us. Positions we need your help with are:**

**Bar Officer
Honours & Awards
Bingo Chairperson
Youth Education
Bursary**

**Poppy Campaign Chairperson
Public Relations
Training & Development
Leadership & Development**



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Branch Secretary Required

Our Branch is seeking someone to be our Branch Secretary. The Branch Secretary attends all General, Special, and Executive Committee Meetings, and is the scribe, keeping a complete and accurate account of all Branch correspondence.

The Secretary receives and replies to all correspondence promptly and may answer questions from Zone, District, and possibly Provincial Command.

We are looking for a member to take on this key position. Please contact the President if you can help your Branch by taking this important role.

President@legion593.com

Branch Events

All events are cancelled until further notice

Branch Service Officer

The Branch Service Officer (Veterans Service Officer) is Ted Bransfield CD.

Ted is more than willing to assist any Veteran with a potential claim and help you determine what benefits that you may be entitled too.

You can reach Ted at:

VSO@legion593.com



2020 Poppy Campaign

This year's poppy campaign will run from **Friday, October 30th, 2020 to Tuesday, November 10th, 2020**. The campaign will be very different this year due to the current situation with COVID-19. We are now beginning to receive feedback from our different merchants and companies on the availability of setting up a poppy table, tray or boxes. More updates on this in our next month's newsletter.

Attention - We are asking all of our Branch trap line captains from last year, to let us know if you are willing to oversee the same trap line again this year. **Please let us know soonest.**

We will be providing all our volunteers with the necessary protection equipment at no cost during the campaign to ensure everyone's safety.

We will need great volunteers this year to help us make this another successful campaign even with the Covid 19 challenge!!

Please send an email if you can volunteer and join our team:
Poppy-Campaign@legion593.com

2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony

The Branch Executive is currently reviewing all options to hold a ceremony in some way this November. We hope to adapt a ceremony in a way that ensures that this important day of reflection is not lost during these strange and difficult times. Once our plan is developed further, we will pass this information to the membership.



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Branch Emails

Once a month the Branch will send out a newsletter on what is happening at your Branch.

Please note that your email address will never be shared with anyone.

If you, or someone you know is not receiving our newsletter, please send me their email address and we will update asap.

President@legion593.com

This Month's Spotlight

Membership

250,000+
MEMBERS

1350+
BRANCHES

Become A Member Today

You don't have to be a Veteran to support a Veteran. **Any Canadian or citizen of an Allied nation 18 years of age or older is welcome to join and help us help Canada's Veterans.**

The Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1926 with a membership of 50,000. The Legion's commitment to the Remembrance of those who gave their lives for peace and freedom is as valid today as it was then.

Today, the Royal Canadian Legion is Canada's largest Veteran support and community service organization. Our more than 250,000 members in over 1350 Branches across Canada make a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, provide essential services within our communities, and Remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

As the years take their toll on Canada's veteran population, the Legion needs the infusion of young members in order to maintain the many services provided by The Royal Canadian Legion to communities across Canada.

Membership was originally restricted to those who had served in Canada's Armed Forces and Merchant Navy. The Royal Canadian Legion is proud of its military heritage and still maintains close ties with the Armed Forces today, however, over the years, categories of membership have evolved to include more members of the community.





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How Your Membership Supports Veterans

Your membership allows the Legion to improve the lives of those who served, give back to our communities and ensures Canada never forgets. Join now to help us provide:

- Free services, supports and financial assistance for Veterans and their families;
- National Veteran outreach to identify and support Veterans in need;
- Free advocacy to help Veterans get their deserved disability benefits;
- Youth education and community programs;
- National remembrance and commemorative initiatives;
- Legion Branch operations to support Veterans and their families.

Membership has its privileges

As a Legion member, you have access to:

- A monthly member newsletter with the latest news and member opportunities;
- Thousands of [deals and discounts](#) from local and national retailers;
- A paid subscription to [Legion Magazine](#);
- Exclusive member products at the [Legion Poppy Store](#);
- An official Legion membership card and pin;
- Opportunities to participate in member sports, activities and sweepstakes;
- Volunteer opportunities through your Legion Branch;
- An organization where you can add your voice to national Legion efforts for Veterans.

Being a Legion member is a great way to improve the lives of those who served, remember the Fallen and support your community, and every member makes a difference!





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FREE, ONE-year Legion Membership

To welcome Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members who are currently serving, or are retired

- For still serving or retired CAF and RCMP members who have not been a member of the Legion.
- The Legion is pleased to offer currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members with a free one-year Legion membership, including a subscription to Legion Magazine and access to the Member Benefit programs. Our Veteran Welcome Program, available to all Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion, is a great way to get to know the organization. Apply through the Dominion Command's Website - Veteran Welcome Program and bring your membership card when it arrives to **any Legion Branch** to request a transfer to that Branch.

FREE, ONE-year Membership For Graduating Cadets

- Cadets play a vital role in supporting Legion activities and promoting Remembrance. The Legion is proud to [support Canada's Cadets](#) and recognizes their service by offering all graduating Cadets a one-year free membership in the Legion, including access to the Member Benefit programs.
- apply through the Graduating Cadet application form and bring your membership card to [any Legion Branch](#) to request a transfer to that Branch.



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MemberPerks®

Your Legion Membership can help you save money

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! [Register today](#) to start saving.

New to the Legion? You can access **MemberPerks®** 30 days after your Legion membership number has been issued.

Membership Eligibility

Legion membership is open to any Canadian citizen or citizen of an Allied nation who is 18 years of age or older.

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE VETERANS, WHICH INCLUDES SERVING MILITARY AND RCMP MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO PROMOTE REMEMBRANCE AND TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR COUNTRY.

Categories of Membership

There are four main categories of membership:

Ordinary Membership

Includes still serving and retired military, reservists, RCMP, police officers, Canadian Coast Guard, and others listed in the General By-Laws.





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Associate Membership

Includes parents, spouses, widows, widowers, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces as well as nephews of a person who is or was eligible for Ordinary membership.

Affiliate Voting Membership

Includes Canadian citizens or Commonwealth subjects from an Allied nation who support The Royal Canadian Legion's aims and objectives and are not eligible for ordinary or associate membership.

Affiliate Non-Voting Membership

Includes non-Canadian citizens or non-Commonwealth subjects from an Allied nation who support The Royal Canadian Legion's aims and objectives.

Your Branch Membership Fees For 2020

- **Early Bird Membership Special** from September 1st to November 30th for renewal of membership only.
- Fees for membership purchased between January 1st and December 31st is \$60.00

1. How To Join As A New Member

- Stop by the Branch and fill out an application form
OR
- Online - visit legion.ca and follow the links
 - <https://portal.legion.ca/join-the-legion>

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Application For Membership' form from the Royal Canadian Legion. The form includes fields for Name, Address, City, and Date of Birth. It also features a 'Membership Type' section with radio buttons for Ordinary, Associate, and Affiliate. There are checkboxes for 'I am a former member of the Legion' and 'I am a former member of another organization'. The form is titled 'Application For Membership' and includes the Legion logo.



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2. Ways To Renew Your Membership

❖ Stop by the Branch

- This year when you renew your membership, you will receive your sticker right away. This only applies to members in good standing

❖ Online Renewal

- You will need to login into your account or create your account on the Dominion website
<https://portal.legion.ca/login>.
- Then click on membership renewal -
<https://portal.legion.ca/member/membership-renewal>
 - You will need to enter your credit information in your account to pay for your membership renewal. Please bring a copy of proof of payment with you when you pick up your membership renewal sticker at the branch.

Friday Morning Bingo Volunteers Required

We urgently need several **volunteers** to help with our portion, assisting in the Friday morning sessions at Bingoland South.

Their address is 9 Slack Rd (close to Merivale),
Nepean, Ont. K1G 0B7.

We need a minimum of 3 volunteers every Friday morning. The time would be from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Right now, we are operating with the bare minimum, as we have lost a few of our long-time volunteers due to life challenges.

You will not be expected to work every Friday morning, but right now we are struggling! With a few more people, we will be able to alternate much better. We would be happy to have you come and see exactly what we do. The folks who love their time playing Bingo that we served & the staff there that we work with are really great. Believe it or not, we enjoy working our sessions.





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2332 Maj E.J.G. Holland VC
Royal Canadian Army Cadets



E Squadron
The Royal Canadian Dragoons
2870 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps



If we don't have enough people to fulfill our obligation of helpers, we will lose our position as one of the organizations that assists at Bingoland South. If that happens, Branch #593 will no longer be able to make our annual donations that help sponsor our 2 Army Cadet Corps.

The funds we receive from assisting the Bingoland South organization help us pay up to 42% of the cost of the utilities that run our Branch. **The Friday Bingoland Sessions have been raising over \$30,000.00 per year for us. It would be very sad to see this come to an end.**

Please Comrades, it is time for a few new volunteers to join us & help continue to bring these necessary funds to our Branch and especially our youth organizations we sponsor, 2332 & 2870 Cadet Corps.

If you are interested, or can help, please contact:

President@legion593.com

Seniors – COVID 19 & Self-Isolating

Branch 593 is very concerned about our members many who are seniors and maybe self-isolating. If you know a member or you are a member who lives alone and has no immediate family in the area, call us, we are here to offer a helping hand. As examples, we could offer a valet service to help purchase food, pickup medications or other services that are needed. Consequently, if you are self-isolating or know of someone that is self-isolating, and can use our assistance in some way let any of the Executive or another member know.

Let's ensure we help each other during these unsettling times. With a well experienced Branch Service Officer and a Branch Chaplin, there is nothing we can't help you solve. Call or contact either of these members at anytime.





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Royal Canadian Navy

New Release - 27 August, 2020



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The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) is continuing to work to create a more inclusive environment within the workplaces, whether that is at sea or at home. Following survey with over 18,000 respondents, the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) has chosen a new English rank designation for its junior ranks that will result in more gender-neutral terms than the current titles, which are not reflective of the modern, progressive Service that is the RCN today.

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The RCN’s junior ranks will soon be known as Sailor Third Class (formerly Ordinary Seaman), Sailor Second Class (formerly Able Seaman), Sailor First Class (formerly Leading Seaman), and Master Sailor (formerly Master Seaman).

These changes help retain the history of these roles and aligns the English rank designation with the existing ranks in French. These new rank designations will be effective upon the issuance of a CANFORGEN in early September. At that point, the junior ranks will begin referring to shipmates using the new rank designations.

By ensuring that the RCN continues to be an accepting and inclusive organization, we can demonstrate to Canadians that we uphold the values they hold as the RCN continues to protect them, both at home and abroad.



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Legion Face Mask Still Available

Wearing a non-medical mask may be helpful in protecting others around you. The times right now may be difficult, but the Royal Canadian Legion is dedicated to providing as much support as we can to help those who need it most.



Wearing a non-medical mask has not been proven to protect the person wearing it. However, it may be helpful in protecting others around you by providing another way to prevent respiratory droplets from contaminating other people or surfaces. As face mask are mandatory for indoor public areas.

The cost of our mask is \$10.00 including taxes with the proceeds going toward the ongoing purchases of our PPE supplies for the Branch.

Hear Ye Hear Ye – We Need Your Help!

Volunteer Bartenders are urgently required at your Branch in order to keep the bar open and supply the same great service that you have come to enjoy.

Currently, we do not have enough volunteer bartenders!!

Wednesday – 1 to 6 pm

Thursday – 1 to 6 pm

Friday - Noon to 8 pm

Saturday – Noon to 6 pm

All you need to help is the Ontario Smart Serve Course, and that can be completed online from the comfort of your favorite armchair. Once you have successfully completed the course you will be reimbursed and assigned to a bartender for training at your convenience.

If you are interested, curious, or can offer some time, please contact me at:

President@legion593.com

