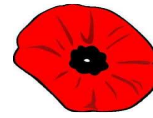




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Last Post

December – Shirley Spour
January - Leslie Petcoff
- Serge Hogue

Please let us know of any members who have passed away so we could possibly assist the family, inform the membership, and update our records. Contact the Branch President at: President@legion593.com and/or Mr. Tom Watson is our Branch Chaplain, and he can be reached at 613-697- 6334, OR Chaplain@legion593.com

ANNOUNCING – GRILL 593

Friday Lunches Resume! 12-2pm

We are pleased to announce that our Friday lunches will begin again at the **newly named GRILL 593!** **Starting Friday February 18th**, lunch will again be available. Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Chicken Burgers, and fries for first weeks. Once we have more feedback, we may adjust the menu to include more items that are requested. Take-out is available, just let us know and we'll place your order in a take-out box.

Bells Corners Legion
GRILL 593



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 you may be entitled. Please include your contact phone number if you email the Branch Service Officer.

You can reach Ted at: VSO@legion593.com

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Presidents Message – February 2022

We intend to keep the Branch open using the same days and hours as we had before this past lockdown.

As you may be aware, Provincial protocols have once again been placed on us identifying that tables will be 2 meters apart. Our lounges are still at 50% capacity. Posters identifying the number are in each room.

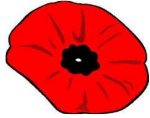
However, as of 17 February 2022, the capacity of the lounges returns to 100%. We will continue to carefully track all changes and updates as protocols change.

Happily, there is NO longer a need to sign in on your arrival, contact tracing sheets are no longer required.

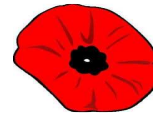
Help Shovel Our Entrance When Necessary



Thru the day over the winter months, we will need your help to occasionally shovel the snow off our ramp walkway. Snow may accumulate thru the day and will be needed to be removed to keep everyone safe. No need for anyone to slip and fall. Salt is also provided by front steps in a yellow bin, so please at anytime you see the walkway unsafe, a quick shovel or spreading of salt for your fellow members or guests would be appreciated. We don't want to be calling an ambulance for a preventable slip or fall.



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*** Notice To All Members ***

GENERAL MEETING RESUMES

Bells Corners Branch 593 will hold its first General Meeting since the arrival of Covid 19 on:

**Sunday March 20th, 2022
starting at 1:00pm – Front Lounge**

We will be holding our first 2022 General Meeting on a Sunday afternoon to allow your Executive to cover all the purchases and projects that have been completed since March 2020. The Executive were given the authority by Legion Provincial Command to continue keeping the Branch running and conduct necessary renovations/repairs during the period of time when there were no General Meetings being held.

However, this authority by Provincial Command also required that your Branch Executive outline all funds spent with the members on the first General Meeting covering the months from the last General Meeting in March 2020. We will identify the items and cost of all business conducted during these months. Therefore, with a 2-year review required to be accomplished where members are encouraged to ask any questions, and with a normal General Meeting agenda, we have decided to hold this meeting during a Sunday afternoon, knowing that this first meeting back will be an extended one after such a lengthy time not holding any.

Our first meeting (March) will also begin our annual election process in which we will identify your 2022 Elections Chairman. The **Monday April 18th General Meeting, and the month of April** will be open for nominations from the general membership for all Branch positions. The **Tuesday May 24th General Meeting** will be dedicated to electing your 2022 Bells Corners Branch President, Executive and Committee Chairpersons.

After this first meeting is held in March, the Branch will return to holding our monthly General Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, starting at 7pm.

Update – Feb/March Branch Events

- **Super Bowl Party - Sunday Feb 13th**
cancelled for this year.
- **Valentine's Day Party - Monday Feb 14th**
cancelled for this year.
- **Shrove/Pancake Tuesday – Tuesday, March 1st** **cancelled** for this year
- ✓ **St. Patrick's Day Party – Thurs March 17**
we **WILL** have a St. Patricks' Day Party this year! **We will have homemade stew!**
Terry McCann will be with us. Watch for our posters in the Branch, Facebook, and Branch website.
- ✓ **Saturday March 26th** – Dance 1pm to 5pm with **Heart & Soul.**
- ✓ **Saturday April 9th** – Dance 1pm to 5pm with **Divided Highway.**
- ✓ **Saturday April 23** – Dance 1pm to 5pm with **Snap Crackle Pop.**

Dances for May and beyond are being planned right now as restrictions with Ottawa & Provincial covid protocols change. Watch for our posters at the Branch, the Branch website and Facebook sites for up-to-date details.

UPDATE

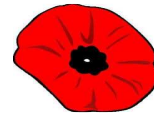
Membership Stickers & Cards

Because of the continuous lockdowns and disruption to having the Branch open, close, open, your Executive has decided that we will mail the remaining 2022 membership stickers or cards that have not yet been picked up. We know many of our members who would normally have visited to pick up their 2022 membership stickers or cards have been unable too. If you have any questions about your 2022 sticker, email our Membership Chairman, at:

Membership@legion593.com



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Certificate Of Appreciation Awarded

On Monday December 13th, Shawn Taillon, President of Bells Corners Branch along with the Honors & Awards Chairman, Brad Curtis presented Certificates of Appreciation to:

Joan McConnell & Sue Gilchrist for their continued support in volunteering to serve the members of the Korean Veterans Association at their fall, Veterans Week, and Thanksgiving dinners throughout 2021. A big thankyou to Joan and Sue!



Rob Dufour – masterminded of the Branch 60th Anniversary Project by coordinating the Branch Lapel Pin & Branch Coin designs, ensuring that a design was selected and then produced in time to be available to all members by fall 2021. Lapel Pins & Coins are available at the Bar to purchase. Rob received a second Appreciation Certificate for his initiate of last years Poppy Campaign Branch “Drive-By” held at our front entrance on 2 Saturdays during our Covid lockdowns. His idea was phenomenally successful in raising Poppy Campaign money which goes to assist our local veterans and their families. Thankyou Rob!



Weekly Branch Events

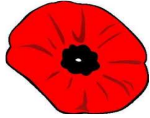
All are subject to Provincial & City Protocols.

- **Euchre - Tuesday nights at 7pm** in the downstairs Banquet Hall has started again.
- **Darts – Each Wednesday 7pm.** There is also a **Darts Drop-in each Saturday afternoon 12-4pm in the Banquet Hall.**
- **Branch Pool League** – has now resumed on Thursdays starting at 7pm.
- **Friday Night Dinners - remain cancelled** until further notice. We are still negotiating with our catering company who are planning a method to provide a safe buffet environment. **The caterer has advised prices will be increasing per plate when we do resume.**
- **Dances - Good News** - There will be dances periodically scheduled at the Branch in coming months. Watch our website, Facebook, or posters inside the Branch.
- **Rentals** of the Branch halls can now be requested and are subject to Ontario and City of Ottawa protocols.

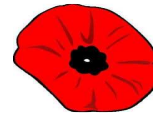
Slow Down – In Branch Driveway



Please slow down as you enter using the Branch driveway. It is now winter, and you cannot stop as easily, but even during the summer months please slow down. 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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Membership 2022

Happy New Year Everyone! In a motion, and unanimously agreed, your Branch Executive has decided that because of our continued Branch open, closed, and recent lockdown, ALL 2022 dues paid membership sticker or cards will be mailed to you. Keep an eye on your mailbox!



**Your membership chairperson is
Comrade Brian Taillon.
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 (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 purchase your 2022 Membership card or sticker soonest, to keep your service years and Legion Magazine. Stop by and talk with our bartenders.

Annual Christmas Gift To Our Veterans, Veteran Widows And Veteran Widowers In Our Nepean Area Residences – 2021

In the days before Christmas, your Branch 1st Vice, Seniors, & Hospital Visitation Chairman Bob Macnichol, along with Sue Jannack and Brad Curtis prepared 197 envelopes containing a \$20.00 Shoppers Gift Card. This number represents the quantity of veterans, widows, or widowers in our Nepean area seniors' residences. Bob delivered these bundles of cards to each Residence Administrator on Friday December 17th. (We have 14 Seniors Residences in our area). Again, this year, because of the Covid protocols, we could not give these folks our annual physical gift such as a Legion blanket etc. When consulting with all the Residence Administrators, it was agreed a gift card to allow the Veteran, widow, or widower of a veteran the opportunity to purchase items of personal hygiene or other needed items would be more appreciated and useful.

To Our Veterans, Widows, & Widowers of Veterans

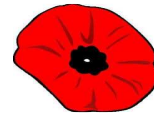


Thankyou For Your Service To Canada
Merry Christmas 2021
From The Members of Bells Corners #593
Royal Canadian Legion





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**Bells Corners Branch #593 (RCL)
60th Anniversary - 1961 to 2021**

Lapel Pins & Coins Are Still Available

60th Anniversary Lapel Pins



Our 60th Anniversary Lapel Pin is now available at the Bar, **ONE (1) FREE** for all Members, & Life Members in good standing that had paid their 2021 membership dues. See the bartenders for yours!

60th Anniversary Lapel Pin is also now available to purchase for **\$5.00 each**. See the bartenders.

60th Anniversary Coin – Now Available!

Branch coins are available for purchase from the bartenders for **\$ 25.00**
Very Limited Qty



Certificate Of Merit Awarded

On Monday Dec 13th, Shawn Taillon, President of Bells Corners Branch along with the Honors & Awards Chairman, Brad Curtis presented a Certificates of Merit to:

Linda Barton - For her dedication in being the only Bartender who volunteered to open during those months of our 2020/21 COVID 19 Pandemic, making her an incredibly special volunteer. Her commitment allowed our members to have a place to gather during those tough months, and which has helped the Branch survive. Thankyou Linda!

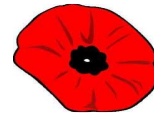


Dave Treleaven - A long overdue award was presented to Dave for his outstanding support to this Branch as the Grants & Assistance Chairman over many years. He alone completed the myriad of application forms to the New Horizons Grant in 2019 that allowed the Branch to be successful in its funding application. In 2020 new windows were installed in our entire building. Thankyou Dave!





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BARTENDERS NEEDED - NOW!

This is a notice to all members of Branch 593. Your Branch is in a position where Bartenders are urgently needed. Now is the time to step forward and volunteer. Complete the Ontario Smart Serve course (online) and we will reimburse you the cost. You will be trained on site with another bartender until you are comfortable with the processes and procedures.

Currently we do not have enough Bartenders to operate as we did before COVID introduced itself. The only chance we have of getting back to normal in the future is to have enough trained bartenders! **We will require at least 5 or 6 volunteer Bartenders to meet the future workload as we return to normal. If we do not get enough Bartender volunteers, there is a good chance that the Bar hours will be reduced and the chance of having, Friday Night Dinners and Dances or any other function will be in jeopardy.** There are no spare Bartenders, so if no one is available, the Branch will be closed on that day.

Support your Branch and become a volunteer Bartender.

You will meet lots of other members and have a rewarding experience knowing that you are helping keep your Branch open. **This opportunity is open to anyone.** The only other option would be to hire paid bartenders which would be expensive, cut into profits drastically and is unsustainable. If necessary, we would use paid bartenders only for functions and parties where bar sales would be able to support their cost.

Talk to me or any of the Bar staff about signing up today. It will be worth it!

Bruce May

2nd Vice
Bells Corners Branch 593 (RCL)

2nd-Vice@legion593.com

NEW - Bar Supply Storage

Newly installed is a large cabinet you will find in the front lounge. This cabinet will help solve some of our storage issues for our bar supplies. This also give us a great new counter-top to place items for events.

Thank you, Vic Jannack!



UPDATE - Poppy Campaign 2021



The Bells Corners Annual Poppy Campaign was an enormous success due to the many volunteers who came out and volunteered their time. This year's tally is now confirmed to be: **\$65,074.05** Congratulations everyone!

Thankyou to these volunteers from the President and members of Branch #593. **A huge thank you to all the businesses in our Branch area for your continuing support of our Veterans! All the money that is raised in Nepean, stays in Nepean to help our veterans.**