



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Bell Ringer - Newsletter



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Last Post

January – No names identified to us

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

Currently we do **NOT** Have A Branch Chaplain.

NEW - Branch Service Officer

Our new **Branch Service Officer** (Veterans Service Officer) is **Bruce May**, replacing Bob Macnichol. Bob has had to step down due to health reasons. Bob has worked with a lot of veterans assisting them with their claims over the past years. The Executive and members of Branch 593 thank him for his service to this very important position and as our 1st Vice and Seniors Chair. We still hope to see Bob at the Branch when he's able to stop by for a visit with us.

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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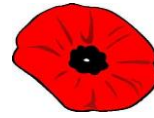
Zone G5 Pool Tournament

Congratulations to Ron O'Brien and Dave Treleven who placed 4th at the Zone G5 – 8 Ball Tournament held at Westboro Branch on November 25th, 2023.





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MEETING NOTICE!

Branch Annual Elections Monday April 19th 2024

Once again it is time to nominate and vote for the next members of the Branch Executive & Committees.

Tuesday Feb 20, 7pm - General Meeting. We will have the election board installed in back lounge at the end of this meeting. Nominations from the general membership for all Branch positions can now begin. **Forms for nominating a member will be available at the bar. Bruce May is this year's Branch Elections Officer.**

Monday March 11th - General Meeting - election board closes at the end of this meeting.

Monday April 19, 7pm - General & Branch Elections Meeting will be dedicated to electing your 2024 Bells Corners Branch President, Executive and Committee Chairpersons.

All positions are available for nominations as of close of General Meeting Feb 20, 2024. We need your support and to attend the elections meeting. **You can make a difference by volunteering for one of these positions.** Positions of the Branch are:

- President
- 1st Vice
- 2nd Vice
- 3rd Vice
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sgt-at-Arms

- Branch Service Officer
- Bar Officer / Manager
- Bingo
- Branch Chair
- Bursary
- Entertainment
- Grants & Assistance
- Housing & Property
- Honors & Awards

- Membership
- Poppy Campaign
- Poppy Trust
- Public Relations
- Constitution & Laws
- Seniors & Visitation
- Sports Officer
- Ways & Means
- Youth Education

Branch Events At Bells Corners Br #593

Zone G5 Euchre – Saturday February 3, 2024
Must be registered by 15 Jan – Contact Doug Kennedy

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday February 3rd, 2024

8 – Ball Singles - Registration at 10am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – February 10th, 2024

Band – The Classics – **Valentines Day Dance**
1 to 5pm

Sunday Afternoon – February 11th - Superbowl LVIII

Come watch the game on our BIG SCREEN TV
4pm to 8pm - Food will be available

Saturday Afternoon Dance – February 24th, 2024

Band – Divided Highway
1 to 5pm

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday, March 2nd

8 – Ball Singles - Registration at 10am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – March 9th, 2024

Band – The Tune Junkies
1 to 5pm

St. Patrick's Day – Sunday, March 17th, 2024

Band – Terry McCann
1 to 5 pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – March 23rd, 2024

Band – CC & Company (New Band)
1 to 5pm

Good Friday – Friday, March 29th, 2024

Band – Arc of Fire
1 to 5pm

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday, April 6th, 2024 - 8 – Ball Singles

Registration at 10am



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Branch Christmas - 2023 Food Drive



Bells Corners 593



Many families were struggling thru 2023, wondering how to put food on the table to feed their families. A team of Branch members volunteered to organize a Christmas Food Drive and are very proud to let all our members know that thru your generosity a great quantity of non-perishable food was donated. 16 big bags!!! George Kiefl delivered these bags of food to our friends at FAMSAC here in Bells Corners.

George's group is also very proud to let us know that through your generosity and caring \$275 dollars cash was also donated to FAMSAC.

Great job, and thankyou to George Kiefl , and Joan McConnell for your time and dedication in making this a success!!

FAMSAC Food Bank (Family Service Association of Churches) Bells Corners.

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 – Each Thursday night starting at 7pm. Open to all. Check for Tournament dates.

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

Mary Jane Cole

Memorial Euchre Trophie

Mary Jane Cole, a 10-year affiliate member of the R.C.L., Branch 593 Bells Corners was the driving force behind our Euchre League. She lived to play the game and dedicated her Tuesday nights to us here. Remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The first winner was Tom Mendicino on Dec 19, 2023. Left to right is Tom Mendicino, Steve Hodge euchre organizer and Lorna Davidson trophy presenter. The trophy is currently located in the Branch lobby cabinet.



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 Legion
Branch #593

Super Bowl LVIII
Sunday February 11, 2024



Kickoff Time - 6:30pm

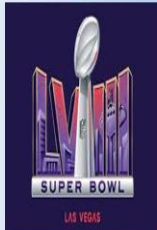
Chili & Bun, OR Chili Dog - \$10.00

Come Out And Watch The Game On Our Big Screen TV

Enjoy Homemade Chili Or Chili Dogs



Prizes To Be Won During The Game!



Zone G5 Euchre Champions

Congratulations to the members of Branch 593 who won the Zone G5 Euchre tournament. Pictured below is the winning team of Steve & Mary Hodge with Rosemarie Baine and Doug Kennedy. The plaque is currently located at the entrance to the downstairs banquet hall.



Legion

BRANCH 593
BELLS CORNERS

Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL)



General Meeting



Monthly General Meetings
Are Held The 3rd Monday Of Each Month
(unless a stat holiday)

Be Informed Be Heard Be Connected



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The Royal Canadian Legion
BELLS CORNERS 593
BRANCH
4026 Old Richmond Road
Nepean, ON K2R 1H7
613 829 4026



Bells Corners - Royal Canadian Legion Br #593

Saturday February 10th
Afternoon Dance
1 To 5pm

Live Band In The Upstairs Lounge
The Classics



Happy Valentine's Day

Legion Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL) Legion

The Branch Will Be Closed

Easter Sunday
Sunday 31 March, 2024

And

Easter Monday
Monday 1 April, 2024



Your Branch Veterans Service Officer

Can Offer Assistance With:

- Information and advice on available VAC programs and benefits.
- Assistance with the preparation and submission of disability claims
- Assistance with the claims process from the first application up to and including a request for reconsideration with the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.
- Professional advice and assistance in accessing other programs and benefits
The services provided by your Branch Services Officer (VSO) is free of charge, whether or not you are a Legion member.
- The Legion assists and represents serving Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP members, and their families.



Contact Your Branch VSO – Bruce May at 613 859 8131, The Branch at 613 829 4609
Or Email at VSO@legion593.com



Legion
Bells Corners Br 593



St. Patrick's Day Dance

Sunday Afternoon March 17th

1 to 7:00pm
Doors Open at 12

Come Out & Enjoy Some
Homemade Beef Stew With
The Fixings - **\$10.00 w/Tax**

Band – Terry McCann



Zone Sports 2024 - Event Locations

Contact Doug Kennedy (Branch Sports) if you are
Interested in playing at any of these events at
Sports@legion593.com

EUCHRE	Br. 593 Bells Corners	Feb. 03
SHUFFLEBOARD	DIRECT TO DISTRICT	
MIXED DARTS	Br. 618 Stittsville	Apr. 20
HORSE SHOES	DIRECT TO DISTRICT	
WASHER TOSS	Br. 641 Barrhaven	Jun. 22
GOLF	DIRECT TO DISTRICT	



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**Friday &
Saturday
Lunch**

Grill 593
Where The Locals Eat



**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**

Fish & Chips Every Second Week

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.

Stay Informed. Check These Legion Sites

- Branch website www.legion593.com
- Facebook - [Bells Corners Legion Branch 593](#)
- Zone G5 Website - www.rcl-zoneg5.ca
- District G website - www.districtglegion.ca

1st Annual Lori Frederick Dart Tournament



Where - Bells Corners Legion Branch #593
4026 Old Richmond Rd
Bells Corners, Nepean.
Banquet Hall (downstairs)

When - Sunday February 18th, 2024

Registration - 10am - Start Time 11am
- Registration - Upstairs

Format - 501 Round Robin
Mixed Triples

Cost - \$60.00

Payout - 70% to players
- 30% - Fundraising For Branch 593

50/50 Draw - ½ To Players
- ½ Fundraising For Branch 593

Contact - Patsy - 613 218 7804
- Johnny - 613 791 4783

Lunch Menu Will Be Available



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Cyprus – Veterans Pilgrimage – Nov 2024

The poster below is the cover page to a multi page brochure identifying a trip that is available to Cyprus November 4-12, 2024. Highlights of the tour are:

- Remembering our fallen, Dhekelia and Waynes Keep Cemeteries and Wolseley Barracks Memorial.
- Tour the Buffer Zone, sites of 1974 action, guided by veterans, tell your stories.
- Meet Canadian & UN serving soldiers and Cypriots who lived through the war.
- Explore the Old City, cultural excursions, historical talks, camaraderie with UN veterans.

Explorez l'ancienne ville, excursions culturelles, discussions historiques, camaraderie avec les vétérans.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, contact Special Travel International at 1-800-665 0998 or Email: sti@sticanada.com website: www.sticanada.com.

The application to participate on this tour is available by using the bar code on the last page of the brochure.

The trip brochure is available by contacting the Branch President at President@legion593.com. There will be a copy of the brochure available at the main Bar.

Bells Corners Legion 



Ontario Command Veterans Service Officer Visit

Attention Veterans, Ex-Service Men, Women and Dependents.

When

March 11 thru 15, 2024

Patricia Royle our Ontario Command Veterans Service Officer will be in our area during the week of March 11 to 15th to meet individually with any veteran from our area. YOU do not need to be a Legion member to request an appointment, this is open to any veteran.

This is an opportunity to discuss with Patricia, any issues or concerns that they may have to start or begin a claim process. This is also an excellent time to discuss with her any current issues you as a veteran or family of a veteran are experiencing accessing a claim or having been denied a claim.

However, you must contact our Branch Service Officer Bruce May who will be coordinating all appointments for Patricia.

Please contact Bruce May at 613-859-8131, or by email at bmay978@gmail.com to arrange your appointment.

Location

Royal Canadian Legion, Bells Corners Branch #593
4026 Old Richmond Rd, Bells Corners (Nepean), Ontario
K2R 1H7



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NEW - Branch 593 - Veterans Corner

Welcome all veterans. My name is Bruce May. I have assumed the position of Branch 593 Service Officer from Bob Macnichol who is unable to continue due to health reasons. I have been associated with Bells Corners Branch 593 for 10yrs. My military service was with the Royal Canadian Navy which included ships, submarines and Fleet School Instructor as well as at communications shore facilities.

My goal is to include news specifically for Veterans in the Branches Newsletter.

So lets begin:

1. What is a *Veterans Bill of Rights*?
 - a. The *Veterans Bill of Rights* is a result of legion advocacy and was created in response to the needs of veterans and their families.
 - b. The *Veteran Bill of Rights* applies to:
 - i. Veterans with war service
 - ii. Veterans and serving members of the CF (Regular or Reserve)
 - iii. Members and former members of the RCMP
 - iv. Spouses, common-law partners, survivors and primary case givers
 - v. Other eligible dependents and family members
 - c. All Legions should have a framed copy of the Veteran Bill of Rights displayed in a prominent location

2. What is a Veterans Service Card?
 - a. If you don't already have this card, I can help you apply to get one.
 - b. This card helps you stay connected to Veterans support programs and shows your service either in the Military or RCMP.

3. Claims to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) may be started and submitted through the Branch Service Officer or directly to VAC.
4. Forms maybe found on the Ontario Legion website, VAC website or thru the Branch Service Officer. You can setup an account at Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) which allows you to track claims and submit documents.
 - a. <https://www.on.legion.ca/member-resources/forms-manual>
 - b. <https://www.legion593.com/>
 - c. <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/forms>
5. Programs available through this service are:
 - a. Disability Programs
 - b. Benevolent Programs
 - c. Allowance Programs
 - d. Funeral and Burial Programs
 - e. Veterans' Independent Programs (VIP)

Soldiers Aid Commission (Ontario)

- The soldiers Aid Commission is new and was created by the Ontario Government to provide up to \$2000.00 annually to Veterans and their families who are in financial need. It is a supplement to the support offered by the Royal Canadian Legion and VAC. To be eligible you must be a veteran or an eligible family member, be in financial need, and be a resident of Ontario.
- Applications must be through the Royal Canadian Legion or Veterans Affairs Canada.
- For more information, please contact your Branch Service Officer or Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command.

If you have any questions, please contact me to discuss possible, claims and assistance with filling out the forms required. The intent is to make the process as seamless and easy as possible, while getting the benefits and help you may be entitled to.

All information and communications between the Veteran and RCL or VAC is protected and confidential.

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Veterans Corner – Continued

Patricia Royle who is the Ontario Command Service Officer will be visiting area Legion Branch's March 11 thru 15 to meet with any Veteran. Patricia is our Provincial expert and would like the opportunity to meet one on one with individual Veteran to discuss which programs you may be eligible for, or having problems obtaining. Patricia is a very knowledgeable and resourceful person. It would be well worth your time to talk to her.

An appointment is required to schedule a meeting with our Provincial Veterans Service Officer, Pat Royle. Please let me know by March 6th so that I can schedule an appointment with you to meet her.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

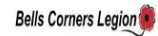
Thankyou

Bruce May
Bells Corners Branch 593 Service Officer
VSO593@legion.com

OR pickup my business card which will soon be available at the main bar.



Royal Canadian Legion
Bells Corners Branch 593



Business Hours Winter 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



Veterans', or Veterans' Widow or Widower Christmas Gift 2023



This year Branch #593 chose to present a pair of Legion Poppy Mittens to our local Veterans', or Veterans' widows or widowers who reside in our local area Retirement Residences. Pictured above are the staff at Villa Marconi accepting the box of gifts for their veterans group. A total of 135 pairs were delivered on the 18th of December by Brian Taillon and Brad Curtis. The mittens were placed into individual gift bags by Sue Jannack & Angie Miner. These mittens were gifted to them with a card that said "Thank You For Your Service" This year's gift project was initially being coordinated by Branch Seniors Chair Bob Macnichol. Unfortunately, Bob has had to step down due to health reasons.



VETERANS SERVICE CARD - VSC

All Canadian Armed Forces Veterans May Now Apply For The NEW Style

Veteran's Service Card

Lost/Replacement - Or If You Did Not Receive One On Release.

Applications From Any Canadian Armed Forces Veteran

Released Before February 2016 Are Accepted

[Use This Link To Learn How To Apply](https://veterans-service-card.canada.ca/en/) → veterans-service-card.canada.ca/en/

NOTE: THERE IS NO MINIMUM TIME SERVED. There are only 2 requirements.

- (1) COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING
- (2) BEEN HONORABLY RELEASED FROM THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Have Any Questions On How To Apply – See Bruce May (BSO) At The Branch



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From The President's Stone Tablet

Hi everyone, welcome to 2024!

Our quantity of bartenders is still an issue and this may always play a part for some Branch events not being able to be held, or an afternoon where the Branch may be closed. Please understand, even bartenders get sick, the weather is bad, or they have family emergencies at the last minute.

Our Veterans & Seniors Christmas Luncheon was a great time, with a great group of our members and groups of seniors attending from our local residences. Thank you to Sue Jannack and her volunteer crew for making delicious sandwiches, all the fixings, and great secret punch recipe!

Our Branch News Years Dance was a great success. We almost sold out! A big thankyou to Sue Jannacks little crew of volunteers who prepared all the food, Lorraine Smith for helping setup thru the evening, and especially Larry Jannack who again designed our table layout to fit everyone into the Branch that night.

Branch Elections - We're now moving closer to our **February General Membership meeting which will be held on Tuesday Feb 20 at 7pm**, because Monday is Family Day a stat holiday. **This meeting will also mark the start of our Branch election cycle**, with the election notice board being installed in the back lounge. We'll be looking for volunteers to fill all our Branch Executive and Committee positions. Complete an election nomination form (bartenders have them) and volunteer to help make your Branch great! Once the form is scrutinized by the Elections Officer Bruce May, he will write your name on the board. **Please remember, only the Branch Elections Officer is allowed to write a name on, or take a name off this board.**

- everyone continue to stay safe

Shawn Taillon
President
Bells Corners Legion Branch #593

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.