



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



Volume 4 Issue 1

January/February 2023

Last Post

December – Michel Morvan
January – Peter Nansen,
- **Ernest Koshman**

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

Mr. Tom Watson is our Branch Chaplain, and he can be reached at 613-697- 6334, OR Chaplain@legion593.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.

Branch Service Officer

Your **Branch Service Officer** (Veterans Service Officer) is Bob Macnichol.

Bob 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 Bob at: VSO@legion593.com

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1** Branch Elections April 17, 2023
- 2** Saturday Afternoon Dances
- 3** Poppy Campaign – November 2022
- 4** Perley Veterans Cheque Presentation
- 5** Presidents Stone Tablet

Branch Fall 2022 Food Drive



Britannia Woods Community House
Maison communautaire Britannia Woods

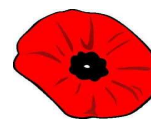
Bells Corners 593

This event happened last fall but was missed accidentally from our November Newsletter last year.

In September, culminating on the weekend before Thanksgiving, Branch 593 held a food drive to support our local Britannia Woods Food Pantry that serves our neighbours in the Ritchie Street area. This area is characterized by people living in community housing in the Britannia Woods and Michelle Heights areas of the city, which includes housing for many immigrants, refugees, and for various reasons people living in or near poverty. Additionally, this area of the city is home to a number of shelters providing emergency and short-term housing for people who may feel they are in dangerous circumstances. In early October, in time for Thanksgiving weekend, we delivered ten moving boxes of food and toiletries to the Food Pantry, weighing a total of 254.8 pounds, as well as \$5 in cash. As everyone knows, we are in a period of inflationary prices, and the Food Pantry is no exception, reporting increased costs to support their needy neighbours. Management at the Food Bank expresses sincere thanks to everyone who donated and to the Branch for its support. Congratulations everyone and thank you for your generosity.



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



MEETING NOTICE!

Branch Annual Elections Monday April 17th 2023

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

Tuesday Feb 21, 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.**

Monday April 17, 7pm - General & Branch Elections Meeting will be dedicated to electing your 2023 Bells Corners Branch President, Executive and Committee Chairpersons.

All positions are available for nominations as of close of General Meeting Feb 21, 2023. 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 or Manager
Bingo
Branch Chair
Bursary
Entertainment
Grants & Assistance
Housing & Property
Honors & Awards

Membership
Poppy Campaign
Poppy Trust
Public Relations
Regulations
Seniors & Visitation
Sports Officer
Ways & Means
Youth Education

Weekly Branch Events

- **Euchre – Each Tuesday night at 7pm** in the downstairs Banquet Hall.
- **Darts - Each Wednesday night at 7pm.**
- **Darts - Darts Drop-in each Saturday** afternoon 12-4pm in the downstairs Banquet Hall.
- **Branch Pool League** – Each Thursday night starting at 7pm. Open to all. Check for Tournament dates.
- **Rentals** of the Branch halls can request. Contact the Branch at 613 829-4609 or legion593.ca@rogers.com

Branch Christmas 2022 Food Drive

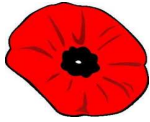


Bells Corners 593

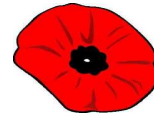


FAMSAC
FOOD CUPBOARD

Over the past Christmas season, the Branch held a food drive in support of the FAMSAC Food Cupboard, for the local Bells Corners outlet of the Ottawa Food Bank. Through the collection of dry and canned foods as well as toiletries, we were able to deliver 12 boxes of much needed items to FAMSAC. Additionally, we delivered cheques totalling \$1,100. The Branch donated \$1,000 and we collected another \$100 in cash. Thanks to all for your generosity. As you have likely heard, the demand at food banks across the country has risen over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic. Your generosity has helped some struggling members of our community. Thankyou to all who assisted in this food drive!



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



Canadian Red Cross Hurricane Fiona in Canada

Bells Corners Br 593 donated \$5,000 to the Red Cross Maritimes disaster relief fund last year. That dollar value was matched by the Federal Government and added to the total being sent to our friends in the Maritimes.



2022 Poppy Campaign

Great news! Our November Poppy Week donations is \$68, 813.25 with the Starbucks Co. donation still outstanding. Congratulations to all our trapline folks, all our volunteers and the great citizens of Nepean and Ottawa.

- Bank deposit - \$63, 090.25 (includes wreaths, cheques and cash)
- Tap Poppy Boxes - \$5,723.00.
- Starbucks – still awaiting their deposit

Cheque Presentation – Old Forge Community Resource Centre

A cheque was presented to the Old Forge Community Resource Centre by President Shawn Taillion for \$5,000.

Located at the junction of Carling Avenue and Richmond Road in a heritage log building, the Olde Forge provides an information and referral service to the community at large and community support programs to seniors and adults with physical disabilities living in the west end of Ottawa.



Stay Informed, check these Legion sites

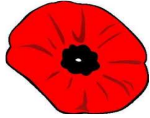
- Branch website www.legion593.com
- Facebook - [Bells Corners Legion Branch 593](#)
- Zone G5 Website – www.rcl-zoneg5.ca
- District G website - www.districtglegion.ca

Branch 593 Golf Tournament Fall 2022

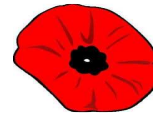


It has been a while, but a reminder that your Branch held a fun golf tournament last August 2022. We held the tournament at the 9-hole Scottish Glen Golf Course, located just outside Carleton Place. We had a full slate of golfers (36) with a foursome on every hole for the shotgun start. We were lucky to have great weather! The golf tournament was followed up with a buffet lunch back at the Branch. Thanks to many generous donors, we had a large prize table, and everyone who played golf received a thank you prize. In addition to the golf, we ran a putting contest and an auction. Our tournament raised \$1,025 and with a “rounding up” contribution by the Branch, our new total became \$1,500. Veteran’s House Ottawa, known as the Andy Carswell Building is located on the old Ottawa Rockcliffe Air Base, and provides homes to 40 homeless or near-homeless veterans in individual units within the complex. Well done to one and all for supporting this much needed and important veteran’s service! Special thanks to all the ladies who donated their time and created a delicious buffet lunch for our hungry crew of golfers. Special thanks also to the Scottish Glen golf course for hosting our event. We hope to see more golfers this year!

Ottawa opened our Veterans House on February 1st, 2021 and based on need and local support, cities under consideration now include Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



Branch Events – February thru May 2023

Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament 8-Ball Singles
Registration at 10:00 am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – February 11th, 2023

Valentine’s Day Dance
The Classics – 1 to 5pm

Sunday February 12th, 2023

Super Bowl Party - 4 to 10 pm
Homemade Chili & Chili Dogs Available

Saturday Afternoon Dance - February 25th, 2023

Divided Highway – 1 to 5pm

Saturday March 4th – Branch Pool Tournament

Saturday Afternoon Dance - March 11th, 2023

Nostalgia – 1 to 5pm

St. Patrick’s Day, Friday, March 17th, 2023

DJ – TP Music and Beef Stew will be available

Saturday Afternoon Dance - March 25th, 2023

Snap, Crackle & Pop – 1 to 5pm

Saturday April 1st – Branch Pool Tournament

Good Friday Afternoon Dance - April 7th, 2023

Fish & Chips will be available

Arc and Fire – 1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance - April 15th, 2023

Gib Rozon – 1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – May 13, 2023

Al Vissor – 1 to 5pm

Bingoland – Volunteers Always Needed

Please consider helping your Branch by volunteering to assist the folks who play Bingo. There is no money to handle anymore, your duties are meeting and greeting patrons and answering any questions. The money we receive from Bingoland goes to support our 2 Cadet Corps, and so without your help or this money, we can’t support one of the best youth organizations in Canada.

Your Branch has an agreement to have some folks from Br 593 assist the Bingoland Gaming Centre. If we fail to have anyone help, Bingoland can offer our positions to another organization, a big monetary loss! Ron & Claire O’Brian have been our steady volunteers each Monday afternoon, but they can’t do it alone. Support your Branch, contact Ron or Dave Treleven to volunteer some time.

Cheque Presentation – Perley & Rideau Veterans Health Centre

A cheque presentation of \$29,700 was presented to Perley Health Foundation on November 21, 2022. Mr Roland Lalonde a resident of the Perley asked that we accept one of his paintings in thanks. His hand painted landscape can be seen hanging in our rear lounge.

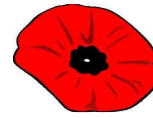


King Charles III Portrait – Update

At the writing of this newsletter, an official portrait of King Charles III has not as yet been released. As directed by Dominion HQ in September, we are to leave in place HM Queen Elizabeth II portraits until the new King’s portrait becomes available.



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



Membership 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 2023 Membership card or sticker soonest, to keep your service years and Legion Magazine. Stop by and speak with our bartenders to receive yours.



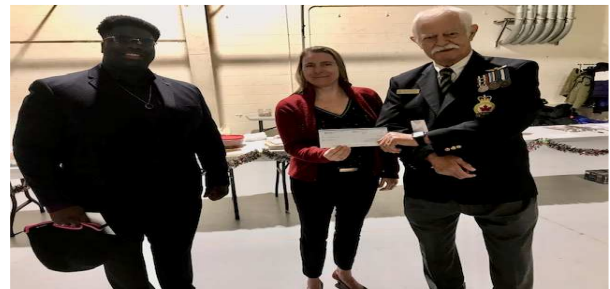
Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL)

General Meeting

**Monthly General Meetings
Are Held The 3rd Monday Of Each Month
(unless a stat holiday)
Be Informed Be Heard Be Connected**

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

1st Vice Robert Macnichol on December 21st, 2022 presented 2870 Cadet Corps with a cheque for \$5,000 which goes to their operating budget to maintain exceptional youth training.

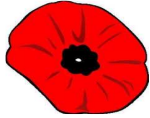


Don't Forget

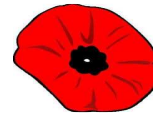
Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP Veterans and serving members are eligible for a free, one-year Legion membership.

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



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



Veterans Christmas Gift Project

Each December your Branch Seniors & Visitation Chair organizes and purchases a Christmas gift for all our Nepean area Veterans, vets widower, or vets widows who are currently living in local Residences. This year, Robert Macnichol organized and delivered almost 300 of our Legion insignia fleece blankets. Great news...the Branch has now received some nice cards and letters of appreciation back from some of these folks for their gift. Well Done and thankyou Bob!



Super Bowl LVII Sunday February 12, 2023



Kickoff Time – 6:30pm

Food Is Available For Donation



Come Out And Watch The Game On Our Big Screen TV

Enjoy Homemade Chili & Chili Dogs



Prizes To Be Won During The Game!



Saturdays BLIND DRAW DARTS



Where: Bells Corners Branch # 593 (RCL)
4026 Old Richmond Rd, Bells Corners
OC Transpo - Bus #57 is an option

Time- 12:30 to 4:00pm
12:30 Sign-in
1:00pm - Start

Cost - \$7:00 per person

Format - 501 (Double IN)
Double Out Weekly

Plus A 50/50 Draw Weekly

Food – Available – Check Menu

**ALL WELCOME TO PLAY
COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN ON A SATURDAY!**



Royal Canadian Legion
Bells Corners Branch 593



Business Hours Winter 2023

Starting January 1st 2023

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



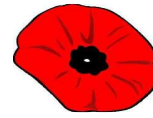
Lapel Pin - HM Queen Elizabeth II

We have purchased a number of these lapel, jacket or hat pins. If you would like one, these are \$7.00.

Pay the bartender.



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



From The President's Stone Tablet

Hi everyone, welcome to 2023!

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 or have family emergencies at the last minute.

We have our new style of Nevada Lottery tickets, as the Legion (RCL) agreed to transition from a 5 scratch off/lift to a 3 scratch off/lift ticket.

Our Veterans & Seniors Christmas Luncheon was a success, with approximately 70 folks attending from our local residences. Thanks again to Sue Jannack and her crew for making delicious sandwiches and all the fixings.

We're now moving closer to our **February General Membership meeting which will be held on Tuesday Feb 21 at 7pm** because Monday is a stat holiday being Family Day. 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, he or she 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 continues to stay safe

Shawn Taillon
President
Bells Corners Legion Branch #593



**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



St Patrick's Day Dance

Friday Afternoon March 17th

1pm to 7:00pm

Doors Open at 12

**Come Out & Enjoy Some
Homemade Beef Stew**

Dance – DJ – TP Music

