



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Bell Ringer - Newsletter



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Last Post

March – No names were 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.

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 – 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

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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MEETING NOTICE!

Branch Annual Elections Monday April 15, 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 main 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 15th, 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

St. Patrick's Day - Sunday, March 17th Homemade Stew & Turkey Pie

Band – Terry McCann
1 to 5 pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – March 23rd, 2024

Band – CC & Company (new Band at 593)
1 to 5pm

Zone G5 Convention – Sunday March 24th, 2024

Location – Br 641 Barrhaven – 1pm
Registration thru Branch President

Good Friday – Friday, March 29th, 2024

Fish & Chips with limited weekly menu

Band – Arc of Fire
1 to 5pm

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday, April 6th, 2024 - 8 – Ball Singles - Registration at 10am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – April 13, 2024

Band – Doug & Pam Champagne

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



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Saturday Afternoon Dance - Change

**Important Notice To All
Branch Members**

**Our Branch Afternoon Dances
Will Now Have A Cover Charge**

Beginning Saturday March 9th 2024

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;

AND

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

Zone G5 Euchre Champions

Bells Corners Br 593, hosted the Zone G5 2024 Euchre Tournament on Saturday February 3, 2024, with 11 teams from our Zone entered.

The first 6 winning teams advance and go on to play at the District G tournament being held in Chalk River on Saturday April 13, 2024.

Bells Corners Branch had 3 teams entered in the Zone Tournament and they placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd!!! WOW! Congratulations on these 3 teams who are advancing to play at Chalk River. The winning teams are:

1st Place

- Roger Champagne - Cathy Sheldon
- Sue St Germain - John MacMillian

2nd Place

- Mary Hodge - Steve Hodge
- Viviane Lester - Steve Lester

3rd Place

- Fred Quigg - Leo Bourque
- Susan Gilchrist - Joan McConnell

Congratulations to these teams! The 3 teams will go, have fun and come back with the results which will be in the next newsletter. In the mean time the Zone G5 Euchre Champions plaque can be seen at the entrance to the banquet hall.





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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**



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The Branch Will Be Closed

**Easter Sunday
Sunday 31 March, 2024**

And

**Easter Monday
Monday 1 April, 2024**



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Bells Corners Br 593



St Patrick's Day Dance
Sunday Afternoon March 17th
1 to 5:00pm
Doors Open at 12

**Come Out & Enjoy Some
Homemade Beef Stew Or
Homemade Turkey Pie**

\$10.00 w/Tax

Band – Terry McCann



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.

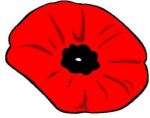


Contact Your Branch VSO – Bruce May at 613 859 8131, The Branch at 613 829 4609
Or Email at VSO@legion593.com

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**

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

Bingoland – Volunteers Needed

Please consider helping your Branch by volunteering to assist the folks who play at our local Bingoland on Monday afternoons. 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 3 Cadet Corps that we sponsor, 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 this position to another organization, a big monetary loss to our Cadets!** Our small team needs more volunteers, they can't do it alone. **Support your Branch, contact Ron O'Brien, Dave Treleaven or Bob Harkness to volunteer some time on Monday afternoons with them.**

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

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

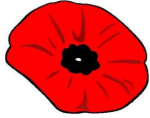
Format - 501 (Double IN)
Double Out Weekly

Plus A 50/50 Draw Weekly

Food – Available – Check Menu

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





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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.

CYPRUS / CHYPRE 2024 COMMÉMORATION
Veterans' Pilgrimage / Pèlerinage des vétérans

Nicosia - Green Line - Remembrance / Souvenir - Kyrenia - Dhekelia
November 4 - 12, 2024 (9 Days/9 Jours)

Casques bleus canadiens / Canadian peacekeepers, Chypre 1974

Highlights / Faits saillants:

- Remembering our fallen, Dhekelia and Waynes Keep Cemeteries and Wolseley Barracks Memorial. Honorer nos morts aux cimetières Dhekelia et Waynes Keep et au Memorial de la caserne Wolseley.
- Tour the Buffer Zone, sites of 1974 action, guided by veterans, tell your stories. Visitez la zone tampon, sites d'action de 1974, guidés par des vétérans, racontez vos histoires.
- Meet Canadian & UN serving soldiers and Cypriots who lived through the war. Rencontrez des soldats canadiens et de l'ONU en service et des Chypriotes qui ont vécu la guerre.
- Explore the Old City, cultural excursions, historical talks, camaraderie with UN veterans. Explorez l'ancienne ville, excursions culturelles, discussions historiques, camaraderie avec les vétérans.

SPECIAL TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL
Tel: 1-800-665 0998
Email: sti@sticanada.com website: www.sticanada.com

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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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Bells Corners Branch 593



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

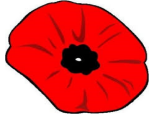
SUNDAY – Noon TO 6pm



Visit our Branch website
www.legion593.com

Visit our Branch Facebook page
Bells Corners Legion Branch 593

Visit District G website
www.districtlegion.ca



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Branch 593 - Veterans Corner - Mar 2024

Hello everyone. This is my second newsletter entry to help keep our Veterans informed and smiling.

1. Some of the general responsibilities of your Branch Service officer are:

- Establish outreach programs to contact Veterans who may need assistance;
- Maintain liaison with our Command Service Officer;
- Assist Veterans with completion of Legion Claim Forms;
- Refer Veterans and families to the Command Service Officer for assistance;
- Process all request for Benevolent funds; and
- Respect the confidentiality of all veterans.

2. Here is a partial list of benefits that a Veteran or Veterans family may be eligible for:

- A disability Pension Program;
- Attendance Allowance;
- Prisoner of War Compensation;
- Health Care Program;
- Your Health Care Identification Card;
- Veterans Independence Program;
- Merchant Navy Veterans - Services & Benefits;
- Last Post Fund;
- Funeral, Burial and Grave marking Assistance; and Income-tested Benefits.

3. **All Claims initiated by the Legion** begin with the completion of a Legion Claim Form. When completed and submitted it will help the Command Service Officer to represent the Veteran and to initiate the disability claim. With these signed documents the Veteran gives permission to allow the Legion to act as the applicant's representative to access their Client Services Delivery Number (CSDN) a client account number to request and review any Service health records and any Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) documents.

4. **Service Medals** - If you have lost or damaged you service medals then you can begin the replacement process through you Branch Service Officer. You must keep in mind that the only medals that you are entitle to wear are the medals that you earned. You are not entitled to wear medals that you didn't earn such as the believed "Grandfathers Medals" or other friend of relatives' medals. It is a serious offence to do so and could be interpreted as a Stolen Valor Case.

5. **Cyprus under OP Snow Goose** - did you serve in Cyprus under OP Snow goose. 2024 is the 60th anniversary of the Canadian involvement in Cyprus and the 50th anniversary of the 1974 conflict. If you are interested in joining the reunion in Cyprus in November 2024 then please visit

[2024-11-CyprusLoResV10.pdf](#)

Humour for Veterans

Here is a list of a few typical things that Veterans keep with them for life. This list was developed by Sarah Sicard who is the senior editor of Military Times, an American Veterans Magazine.

- An incessant need to roll socks;
- Bad knees;
- The misguided idea that ibuprofen and fresh socks will cure any ailment;
- Tinnitus. ZNNNNNNNNNG;
- The ability to sleep anywhere;
- The plight of not being able to sleep at all;

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Veterans Corner – Continued

- Old combat boots. They're great for mowing the lawn or a trip to Home Depot;
- Fear of tape tests;
- Issues with authority figures;
- Back pain;
- T-shirts from strange events and places they don't remember going;
- A woobie that has seen better days.;
- A swearing problem that is FUBAR;
- A love/hate relationship with acronyms;
- Total disdain for PowerPoint;
- Scars from barracks shenanigans gone awry;
- A few ugly divorces;
- A truck they bought after gaining some sense and selling that Camaro they financed at 27%;
- Some weird strip club stories
- Sleep apnea;
- Bad tattoos that seemed like a really good idea at the time;
- Boxy brown t-shirts that somehow have sweat stains in a different, more gross shade of brown; and
- A deeply stained, never-before-washed coffee mug that they tell everyone is "seasoned".

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, Royal Canadian Legion or VAC is protected and confidential.

Thankyou

Bruce May

Bells Corners Branch #593 Service Officer
VSO593@legion.com
OR pickup my business card at the main Bar.

BELLS CORNERS BRANCH 593(RCL)



Good Friday

Friday March 29th, 2024



Meal Time #1 - Served 12pm To 2pm

Meal Time #2 - Served 3pm to 5pm



**Haddock With Homemade Batter
Tartar Sauce, Coleslaw & Fries**



**Only Burger & Hotdog
Combinations Will Be
Available**



1 Piece \$13.50 Includes Tax

2 Piece \$18.00 includes Tax

Not Available - Poutine,
Gravy, Chicken Burger or
Tenders

Band - Arc Of Fire

1pm-5pm

Drop By For A Great Friday Afternoon

King Charles III Portrait – Update

At the writing of this newsletter, an official portrait of King Charles III **has still not as yet been released**. As directed by Dominion HQ in September 2023, we are to leave in place HM Queen Elizabeth II portraits until the new King's portrait becomes available. Please understand that not all Branches' are aware of this direction.



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From The President's Stone Tablet

Hi everyone, spring is in the air!

Important --- Important -----Important ----Important

We're now very close to our Branch Annual Elections Meeting. This very important meeting that we need all members to attend will be held on April 15 at 7pm. We are looking for volunteers to fill all our Branch Executive and Committee positions for the 2023/2024 term. Don't forget to complete a Branch 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 permitted to write a name on, or take a name off this board.**

We hope to see you at our St Patrick's Day Dance on March 17, we will have homemade stew available.

Drop by on March 29th for our Good Friday Fish & Chips, made with homemade batter. There will be a limited menu on this one day. See our flyer.

Please understand the Branch may be closed the occasional afternoon/evening due to unforeseen circumstances.

A reminder the Branch will be closed Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

The banquet hall WIFI is now improved, so if you are in the basement, look for "legionbanquet" now. The main floor WIFI is still found using "legionlounge" both are lower case. If you have any difficulty, speak with our bartenders.

- 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.