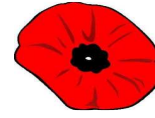




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## Last Post

### March – no names received

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](mailto:President@legion593.com)

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

[Chaplain@legion593.com](mailto:Chaplain@legion593.com)



## MEETING NOTICE!

### Branch Meetings Resume

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next important Branch General & Election meetings

**Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – General Meeting & Nominations Open**

**Tuesday May 24, 7pm – Election Meeting**

**Monday June 20, 7pm – General Meeting**

### 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](mailto:VSO@legion593.com)

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## ANNOUNCING – GRILL 593

**Friday Lunches 12-2pm**

**Saturday Lunches 12-2pm**

We are pleased to announce that our Friday lunches will begin again at the **newly named GRILL 593!**,

Saturday lunches now available too!

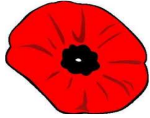
Wings, Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Chicken Burgers and fries for first weeks. Once we have more feedback from you, we may adjust the menu to include more items that are requested. Gravy is available with any meal.

Take-out is available, just let us know and we'll place your order in a take-out box.

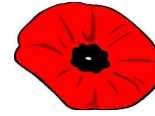
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**GRILL 593**





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## Save the Dates

Thurs March 17 - St Patrick's Day  
1:00 to 5:00 - Terry McCann

Sat March 26 - Heart & Soul  
1:00 to 5:00

Sat April 9 - Divided Highway  
1:00 to 5:00

Sat April 23 - Snap Crackle Pop  
1:00 to 5:00

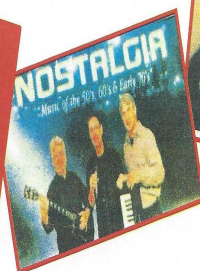
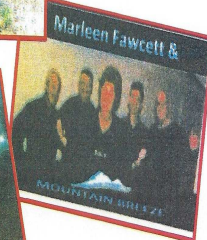
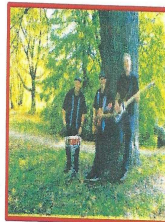
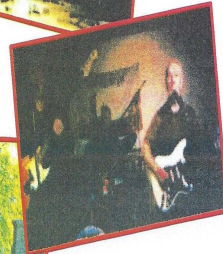
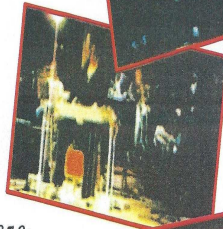
Sat May 14 - Gord Barnes  
1:00 to 5:00 & Laredo

Sat May 28 - The Allez Cats  
1:00 to 5:00

Sat June 11 - Marleen Fawcett  
1:00 to 5:00 & Mountain Breeze

Sat June 25 - The Classics  
1:00 to 5:00

Fri July 1 - Canada Day  
1:00 to 5:00 - Nostalgia



## MEETING NOTICE!

### Branch Annual Elections May 24th 2022

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

**Monday April 18, 7pm - General Meeting, and the month of April** will be open for nominations from the general membership for all Branch positions. **Forms for nominating a member will be available at the bar.**

**Tuesday May 24, 7pm - General & Branch Elections Meeting** will be dedicated to electing your 2022 Bells Corners Branch President, Executive and Committee Chairpersons.

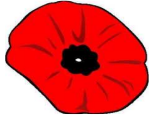
**All positions** are available for nominations as of close of General Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>. We need your support and to attend the elections meeting. **You can make a difference by volunteering for one of these positions.** Positions of the Branch are:

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice  
Secretary  
Treasurer

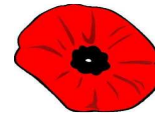
Sgt-at- Arms

Branch Service Officer  
Bar Officer  
Ways & Means  
Entertainment  
Housing  
Honors & Awards  
Constitution & Laws  
Grants & Assistance  
Sports Officer  
Seniors & Hospital Visitation

Bursary  
Bingo  
Poppy Campaign  
Poppy Trust  
Membership  
Public Relations  
Youth Education  
Chairman



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## Golf Notice

The golf season is fast approaching. There is a multi-Branch golf league being coordinated by the Ottawa Montgomery Branch.

The schedule is one game a week. You can play or not play as many weeks as you want. Legion membership is not a requirement, and players are encouraged to bring friends. This league is open to both men and women, and they encourage more women to come out and play. Experience of the game is not a requirement.

Plans for this year include playing at 10 courses, distributed evenly between the West and East side of Ottawa. An effort has been made to hold down the cost of playing as much as possible. **The first game is scheduled for April 26.**

For more information, contact the organizer, friendly George Pappas by phone at

**613-791-3200** or email [gpappas@rogers.com](mailto:gpappas@rogers.com).

Dave Treleven  
Bells Corners Branch 593 (RCL) - Sports Officer

## Weekly Branch Events

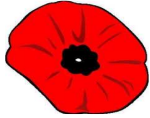
All are subject to Provincial & City Protocols.

- **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** – on Thursday nights 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 are dances 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. Contact the Branch at 613 829-4609 or [legion593.ca@rogers.com](mailto:legion593.ca@rogers.com)

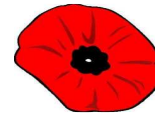
## Slow Down – In Branch Driveway



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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## Membership 2022



Your membership chairperson is Comrade **Brian Taillon**. He can be contacted by calling the Branch at 613 829 4609 or at [Membership@legion593.com](mailto: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 or pickup your 2022 Membership card or sticker soonest, to keep your service years and Legion Magazine. Stop by and talk with our bartenders.**

## BELLS CORNERS BRANCH 593(RCL)



**Good Friday**  
Friday 15 April, 2022



**11am To 7pm**



**Haddock  
w/Homemade Batter  
Tartar Sauce  
Coleslaw & Fries**

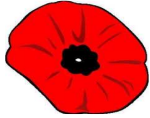
**Chicken Burger  
Coleslaw & Fries**  
**\$7.60**  
**Includes Tax**

**1 Piece \$13.50**  
**Includes Tax**

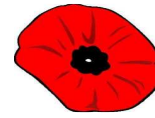
**2 Piece \$18.00**  
**includes Tax**

**Gravy Available  
For Both Meals**

**Take-Out Or Eat-In**



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## Why I Volunteer.....

About 15 years ago I found myself facing two major life changes. I was suddenly single again and I was heading into retirement. With both my work and personal life upended, my social network as I knew it diminished substantially. Although I was blessed to have two active grandchildren, wonderful neighbours, and family close by, I found myself feeling lonely, unfulfilled, and restless. I was lacking a sense of purpose.

One summer evening my neighbours invited me to a Friday night dinner at the Legion where I was introduced to the Branch President. Joel, who never missed an opportunity to recruit a new volunteer, hooked me in, and I hesitantly agreed that volunteering at the bar might be fun. In hindsight, it was a brilliant decision.

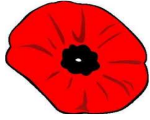
I registered for my Smart Serve course and within a week I was ready to report for training. Linda was kind, patient, and encouraging, and she stayed with me at the bar until I felt comfortable with the cash register and the various bar routines. Fortunately, I was already comfortable pouring a drink. I kept a notebook and wrote everything down from how to open the bar to how to change a keg to what beverages people preferred. According to my notebook Ted was a Steam Whistle, Lorne was a white wine, Mike was a Caesar, and “young” Fred was a large Molson Ex, no glass. Linda still teases me about my little notebook.

On my first day of training, I was introduced to the 1400 Club: Lorne, Norm, Bob, Brian, and Ted, to name a few. Before long, I was putting more and more names to faces. Everyone was friendly, encouraging, and most of all, so appreciative. I made friends, learned new skills, and began to feel part of the legion family. Someone or something made me laugh every single day. One day I introduced the 1400 Club to my new iPhone. As a joke, I asked Siri if she loved me. Without hesitation and clear as a bell, Siri replied, “You’re looking for love in all the wrong places.” The guys at the bar erupted into laughter. It wasn’t long before my comfort level increased, my nervousness disappeared, and a new confidence emerged. Bartending was fun!

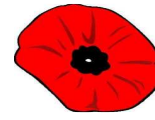
## Why Should You Volunteer ...

The benefits of volunteering are enormous. And it’s a two-way street because it benefits you as well as your legion community. Volunteering teaches you new skills and connects you with interesting, fun, and yes, sometimes quirky people. It keeps your body physically active and your mind mentally stimulated which makes for a happier and healthier you. As humans we are hardwired to give to others. The more we give, the happier we feel. Volunteering is good for the soul. For me personally, it’s the lifelong friends I’ve made, the laughter I’ve shared, and the satisfaction I receive knowing that I’m contributing to a worthy cause that keeps me coming back. Remember it doesn’t have to be a huge amount of time or a long-term commitment. And if you’re volunteering at the bar, the worst that can happen is that you get sprayed with a little draft when the keg runs out. Please consider volunteering at your Legion. We need you!

Sue Gilchrist  
Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL)  
Ways & Means Committee



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## From The President's Desk

Thank you to all of you for your continuing support of your Bells Corners Branch over the past two difficult years.

**Covid 19** - It is now your choice if you wish to continue to follow any of the protocols. (Masks etc.). Please respect the choices of other members and guests if they wish to continue to wear a mask.

As we and other business try to return to pre-pandemic operations, we are currently dealing with rising costs, (rising cost of beverages) supply, (availability of certain beverages), and staffing issues. (bartenders) These issues are also similar with Legion Branches and other businesses across Canada.

**Bartender Note:** Your bartender on Thursday afternoons (1 to 6 pm) is taking a leave of absence and therefore without a replacement bartender **we will now be CLOSED during the afternoon on Thursdays**. If another bartender steps forward to help, we can reopen Thursday afternoons. However, the Branch will **reopen Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 10:00 for the Pool League as we still have an evening bartender**.

## Bingoland Update

Bingo has returned to Bingoland South, and we will now be covering the Monday afternoon shift, (4 to 6 pm) instead of our past Friday mornings. Major changes have occurred over at Bingoland South on how they operate. Our volunteers actually do much less now, but **we need your support by volunteering some time. Beginning this April, we are required to have 1 volunteer each Monday afternoon. Beginning in May, we are required to have 2 volunteers attend**. Dave Treleven is our Branch Bingo co-coordinator. Please contact the Branch, 613 829 4609, or Dave at [Sports@legion593.com](mailto:Sports@legion593.com) if you can volunteer some time. **This is a major fundraiser that supports our 2 Cadet Corps, so we need your help.**

## Branch Election

It has been three years since our last branch election. We will be holding our election on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This is now your chance to help shape the future of Branch #593 for the future. If you are interested and would like more information on any of the Branch positions or committees, please speak with one of your current executive members for details.

## **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](mailto:2nd-Vice@legion593.com)