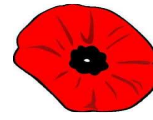


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Last Post

April/May/June – Eldon Dodds
Kathy Johnston
George McGregor
John Meller
Alvin Arthur
Leo Cooney

Please let us know of any member who passes away so we could assist the family, inform the membership and update our records.

You can also contact the Branch Chaplain at:
613-828-2314 or Chaplain@legion593.com

Branch Emails

Once every 2 months the Branch will send out a newsletter on what is happening at your Branch. Be assured that your personal email address will not be shared with anyone, or 3rd party companies.

Occasionally the Branch will also email our members important news or updated information on events.

If you, or someone you know is not receiving our newsletter, or emails please send the President their email address and we will update asap.

President@legion593.com

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 too. 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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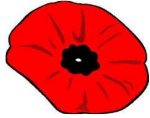
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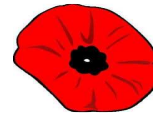
It is my pleasure to inform the members of Bells Corners Branch 593 that the Branch did NOT move to Trusteeship on 31 May, 2021.

Due to the willingness of our members to take a challenge and volunteer, Branch 593 was able to re-align and restructure just before the 31st of May. You now have a working Executive with enough positions filled, that I have decided to remain as President until May 31st 2022 and our normal election cycle. Zone & District are aware and have approved our new Executive alignment. This realignment and reorganization were made with members of the last Executive. Because we are **NOT allowed to hold Branch elections until further notice due to Legion Ontario Command Declaration #9**, this type of turnover of Executive positions from one year to the next is very odd indeed. However, with this group of members forming your new Executive, I am confident that this year, 2021, will see us finally reach a new “normal” of events this fall. On page 2 of this newsletter are the names of **YOUR NEW Executive**. I look forward to working together with them to keep improving your Branch, and once we reopen, an opportunity to see you all again.

Shawn Taillon
President



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NEW – NEW - NEW

BELLS CORNERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive - 1 June, 2021 to 31 May, 2022

President – Shawn Taillon
Office Manager – Sue Belliveau

1st Vice – Bob Macnichol
2nd Vice – Bruce May
3rd Vice – Brad Curtis
Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Vacant

Past President – Ron Henderson
Branch Advisor – Fred Quigg

Sgt-At-Arms – Rodger Pickell
Chairman - Vacant
Branch Chaplain – Bob Macnichol
BSO/VSO – Ted Bransfield

Bar – Bruce May/Linda Barton
Membership – Brian Taillon
Seniors & Visitation – Bob Macnichol
Sports – Dave Treleaven
Honors & Awards – Brad Curtis
Grants – Dave Treleaven
Property/Housing – Dave Tempeny
Poppy Campaign – Bob Macnichol
Poppy Trust – Rob Dufour
Bursary – Ron Henderson
Constitution & Laws – Brad Curtis
Way & Means – Sue Gilchrist/Joan McConnell
Community Relations – Vacant
Bingo - Vacant
Youth Education – Shawn Taillon
Cadets 2332 – Patrick Berrea
Cadets 2870 – Ron Henderson

**Bells Corners #593(RCL) – COVID 19
Reopening Plan - Summer 2021**

**AS OF 14 JUNE 2021, EXECUTIVE
MEETING**

Branch Remains Closed – thru Ontario Step 1

Branch Remains Closed – thru Ontario Step 2

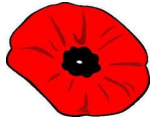
As Ontario Step 3 approaches.....

- **expected late July or possibly earlier**, the Executive will meet to review protocols and standards then required by Provincial and City Health Officials to safely reopen your Branch. With the lengthy shut-down, the reopening of the Branch will be a happy day! The Executive will ensure we're ready for members and guests to visit with us once again. We'll get our new reopening date and times out to everyone once known, so **watch your Branch Website, Facebook page and our front LED light sign.**

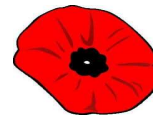
Please understand the requirement if we open our small patio for such a small number of members & guests under Step 1 & 2 rules. There would be a very large logistical requirement for only a few members and guests. At this time, we are unable to manage the supervision required to have that safe environment for our members and guests, and to conform to all Provincial Regulations.

SO.... Let's get to Step 3 quickly!

Executive
Bells Corners Branch #593(RCL)



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SORRY
WE'RE TEMPORARILY
CLOSED
DUE TO COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS



Bells Corners Legion

**CLOSED UNTIL
ONTARIO REOPENING - STEP 3**

Friday Lunches – When We Reopen

When we return to our new normal in late summer and reopen, we will require a volunteer to cook for our BBQ/Grill for our traditional Branch Friday noon light lunch. These lunches have often been simple hamburgers, hotdogs and a surprise special meal. This Friday tradition has always been a great success, but we will require someone to come forward and volunteer to BBQ/Grill these meals. We have the kitchen and tools; we need you to step forward and volunteer.

Contact Bruce May if you can help.
2nd-Vice@legion593.com

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Cadet Medal Of Excellence
Awarded For 2020 Achievements
Presentations Delayed Until Spring 2021**



2870 Army Cadet Corps - E Sqn RCD
MCpl Sonja Zaborowski

2332 Army Cadet Corp – Maj EJG Holland VC
WO Abigail Tibbles

Branch Events

The Executive has had to extend many of last years decisions into the Summer 2021 season events.

- **Friday night dinners** are cancelled until further notice;
- **Friday night dances** are cancelled until further notice;
- **Euchre, Darts & Pool** are cancelled until further notice;
- **Rentals** of the pool table are cancelled until further notice;
- **Other events** which have been cancelled until further notice.

All Events Are Cancelled
Until Further Notice

Please follow the rules regarding the pool table during the current situation. Failure to comply with the rules will result in the closure of the pool table use immediately!



Legion Face Masks

SALE – SALE - SALE
½ PRICE – \$5.00

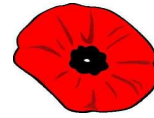
Bells Corners Branch has the awesome Legion Logo masks from Dominion Supply. The sizes are **Large and Small**.

We are planning a “DRIVE BY” – Curbside Pick-up using the front steps of the Branch as an opportunity for everyone **to pop by on Saturday June 26 from 10am to 2pm** and purchase a mask. Get a great mask, support your Branch and own a piece of history!

The cost of our mask is \$ 5.00 including taxes with the proceeds going toward the ongoing purchases of our COVID 19 supplies for the Branch.



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Membership

**Your new membership chairperson is
Comrade Brian Taillon.**

NEWS - In April the Executive made the decision that because of the quantity of new membership cards and 2020/2021-year card stickers not yet picked-up due to continuing Covid lockdowns, the Branch would mail these to our members in May. A daunting task as there were over 100 to prepare, and mail. Because of Covid we felt that there would still be a considerable amount of time before members could stop by the Branch to pick-up. Who would step forward and take this challenge? Sue Jannack once again volunteered for a task to assist the Branch and it's members. All were mailed in May. **Awesome!!!**

**Thankyou Sue from the Executive and Members
of Bells Corners 593(RCL)**

Other 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>

You will need to login to your account or create an account on the Dominion website. To create a new account, follow the instructions on the **right side of the Dominion web page.**

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.



Membership – Prepay Up for A Limited-Edition Watch

If you renewed by 30 May 2021 for 5yrs, and requested this watch, you will receive a free limited edition Poppy Watch commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada.

Use <https://www.legion.ca/poppy100>

Men's and women's styles available. **Watches will ship after May 30, 2021.**



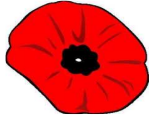
Cenotaph Update

Be aware the Branch Cenotaph will be removed and **NOT missing** while it is updated. The contractor will be removing, etching and then replacing in next weeks.

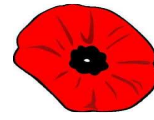
60th Anniversary - 1961 to 2021 – UPDATE

We received only **2 entries** for our 60th Anniversary crest design contest. Requests for past pictures or stories for our Anniversary Scrapbook and slide show has met with no success, as **we didn't receive any pictures or stories.** The winner of our \$100 Visa gift card is George McKnight who submitted 12 designs. The Executive are reviewing these designs for possible hats, golf shirts etc.

A decision will be announced in next weeks; however, we may purchase only a very small quantity of items.



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Hello from your new 2nd Vice

Hi everyone, I hope everyone is doing well. You have a new 2nd Vice at Bells Corners Branch as I have stepped forward and volunteered for this position effective June 1st. For those of you who I have not met yet, I am Bruce May and I have been a member of Branch 593 for 6 years and have held the positions of Membership Chairman and Bar Officer.

I am an RCN Veteran who spent 25 years sailing the oceans blue on both ships and submarines. When I retired, I returned to Ottawa and worked for a satellite communications company until I retired for a second time in 2017.

I became involved with the Legion to keep myself busy and avoid the ever-growing honey-do list (which never gets smaller but keeps getting bigger) at home. I hope more members will be interested in getting involved with the operations of our Branch. There are still lots of committee positions available so you can pick and choose which one will suit you the best. It will be a rewarding opportunity to become involved with Branch 593.

Find me at the Branch when we reopen, I look forward to meeting you.

Regards,

Bruce May
2nd Vice
Bells Corners Branch #593 (RCL)
2nd-Vice@legion593.com

593 Poppy Campaign Posters - 2020

Over our next newsletters we will include some of the many Award-Winning posters from last fall

Alija Mamtaz – Knoxville Public School



Branch Housing – An Update

Parking Lot Lights - Our Branch lights have been fixed and improved! We were able to find a contractor who suggested that we could replace our halogen bulbs with brighter, better, LED bulbs. Cheap, more efficient, and lasting longer. DONE! Heck ya! So, we now have a bright outside rear building light, and the old pole, **now correctly adjusted** to point only into our parking lot, gives an excellent throw of light to have everyone safe.

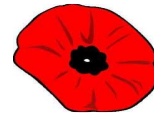
HVAC – We have taken the opportunity while the Branch was closed to have all the building duct work cleaned...every bit of it! We are using some of the various COVID-19 Grant monies designed for building air quality improvement we've received to pay for this.

Yes, the contractor found an odd assortment of items from the parties and events held over the many years while cleaning the ductwork. Sadly, no secret bag of money found, darn. But our system is NOW CLEAN!

**Well done on both; thank you to our Housing Officer....
Dave Tempeny**



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BARTENDERS NEEDED - NOW!

This is a notice to all members of Branch 593.

Your Branch is in a position where **Bar Tenders** 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 at the bar until you are comfortable with the processes and procedures.

Right now, we only have one (1) bartender who cannot work seven days in a row. The only chance we have of getting back to normal in the future is to have enough trained bartenders! We require at least 5 or 6 trained bartenders to meet the future workload once 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 Darts, Pool, Euchre, Friday Night Dinner and Dances or any other function will be in jeopardy.

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 and cut into profits drastically. 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 about signing up today. It will be worth it!

Bruce May
2nd Vice
Bells Corners #593 (RCL)

2nd-Vice@legion593.com

**Volunteers Needed At
Your Branch**

Over time and with life changes in various forms, some of our volunteers are now unable to continue in their current positions. Now more than ever, the Branch is in need of volunteers (new and old) to step up and help us achieve the mission of the Legion.

- Many positions on the Branch Executive need to be filled, please let us know if you are willing to take on a challenge with us. Positions we need your help with are:

Secretary

Treasure

Chairperson

Public Relations/Newsletter

Bingo Coordinator

We need your help to have the Branch run effectively, please consider one of these positions and become part of our team.

Contact any member of the Executive, we need your support now!

President@legion593.com

OR

1st-Vice@legion593.com