



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Bell Ringer - Newsletter



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Last Post

November – Bruce Hay

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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The Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 593 presents

Stand-Up Comedy

LIVE

Hosted by Matthew Champ
Featuring Wafik Nasralla
Special Mystery Guest
Performance by Janelle Niles

Friday, December 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM
\$10 per person

Saturday December 15 2023, 8pm



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Branch Christmas - 2023 Food Drive



Bells Corners 593



We will soon be thinking of the holiday season. While making your grocery shopping list, please think about the families that are less fortunate. Many families this year are struggling, wondering how to put food on the table to feed their families. To all our members, if you can please add a few nonperishable items to your grocery cart, bring those items to our Branch and put them in our decorated boxes so we can help make their season a better one. George Kiefl our bartender will be taking the donated items to the FAMSAC Food Bank (**Family Service Association of Churches**) for distribution to families living in our local area.

Decorated boxes will be in the rear lounge and downstairs hall near the bar starting

Tuesday Nov 14, 2023 until

Wednesday Dec 20, 2023.

If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, there will be a decorated donation box at the bar.



Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th 2023 - Noon to 6:00 pm

Christmas Day - Monday December 25th 2023 - Closed

Boxing Day - Tuesday December 26th 2023 - Closed

Wednesday December 27th to Saturday December 30th - 1-6pm

New Year's Eve - Tuesday December 31st 2023 - Noon to 5:00 pm
(Branch Will Close From 5pm to 7:00pm To Prep Room)

New Year's Eve Party - December 31st 2023 - Doors open at 7:00 pm

New Year's Day - Monday January 1st 2024 - 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

From The President And Executive Of Bell Corners #593

We Wish Everyone A Safe And Happy Holiday



Bells Corners Br 593

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

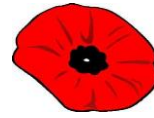
Slow Down – In Branch Driveway



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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Cheque Presentation To Veterans House



Branch 593 member George Kiefl on behalf of Bells Corners Branch #593 presents a \$5,000 cheque to Alan Mulawyshyn (Executive Director) representing The Veterans House (Andy Carswell Building) George was instrumental in organizing our Branch Fall Golf Tournament fundraiser this past September. His fellow golfers raised \$2,136.98 which then the Branch added a bit to make a new total of \$5,000. Excellent, thank you and well-done George and the golf teams!



Bells Corners Branch 593 – New Years Eve Party

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00 pm to 2:00 am

Doors Open At 7:00 pm

Buffet Served At Approximately 10:30pm

Bring in the New Year With
A Glass of Champagne At Your Branch



Hats, Noisemakers And Other Neat Stuff Included

Happy

Meal - Cold Cuts - Cheese Trays - Various Salads
Build Your Sandwiches

New Year

Music Performed by - Arc Of Fire

2024

Price - \$50.00 per person - Tickets Available Now At The Bar

Only 100 Tickets



Bells Corners Branch #593
New Year's Day Levee



January 1st 2024 - Starting At
11:00 am

Enjoy Music Performed by -
Arc Of Fire

Moose Milk, Refreshments
And Homemade Food Will Be
Available

You Are Invited To Come And
Join The Branch Executive
To Celebrate The Start Of The
New Year!



Arc Of Fire
Band



Legion

BRANCH 593
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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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Branch Events At Bells Corners Br #593

Branch Senior & Veterans Christmas Party

Wednesday December 6th, 2023

Band – Lauren Hall

1 to 5 pm

Live Comedy at the Branch – Friday, December 15th, 2023

Tickets are available at the bar for \$10.00 per person. **Show starts at 8:00 pm**

Saturday Afternoon Dance – December 16th, 2023

Band – Al Visser

1 to 5 pm

New Years Eve Daytime

Branch Open 12 to 5pm (prep for party at 5pm)

Branch New Years Eve Party – Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Band – Arc of Fire

Band playing from 8:30 to 1:30 pm

Branch Open 7:00 pm to 2 am.

2024 Events Begin

Monday, January 1st, 2024 – Branch LEVEE

Band – Arc of Fire (Band is playing from 1 to 5 pm)

11 am to 6 am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – January 13th, 2024

Band – Doug & Pam Champagne

1 to 5 pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – January 27th, 2024

Band – Jerry Lee

1 to 5 pm

Zone G5 Euchre – Saturday, February 3rd, 2024

Open to all members in good standing

Must be registered by January 15th, 2024.

Branch Events At Bells Corners Br #593

2024 Events Continued

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday

February 3rd, 2024

8 – Ball Singles

Registration at 10 am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – February 10th, 2024

Band – The Classics – **Valentines Day Dance**

1 to 5 pm

Sunday Afternoon – Superbowl LVIII

February 11th - 4pm to 8pm - Food will be available

Saturday Afternoon Dance – February 24th, 2024

Band – Divided Highway

1 to 5 pm

Branch Monthly Pool Tournament – Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

8 – Ball Singles

Registration at 10 am

Saturday Afternoon Dance – March 9th, 2024

Band – The Tune Junkies

1 to 5 pm

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 5 pm

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 10 am



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Zone Sports Events Dates – 2024

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



Royal Canadian Legion, Zone G - 5 Sports



Zone Euchre 2024

Host Branch: 593 Bells Corners
4026 Old Richmond Road, Ottawa Phone: 613-829-4609

Date: February 3, 2024

Registration: Register at Branch 10:30 – 11:00 play begins upon completion.

Entries: No Limit per Branch

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per team of 4

Deadline: All entry forms with cheques must be received by Saturday, January 20, 2024. Late entries will not be except.

General: All teams must have entry form(s) signed by the Branch President, Secretary or Membership Chair, stating that the Players are paid up members in good standing and are eligible to play according to the Provincial Sports Manual.

(9) Nine Games will be played.

Players bring your membership cards, they will be checked. 2023 winners are to ensure that the plaque is there.

Zone will be paying the entry fee for Six (6) Teams going to District. Host Branch 562 Chalk River April 13, 2024

Food will be available.

Please indicate on your registration if a team has a handicap player who needs to sit.

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

Stay Informed, Check These Legion Sites

- Branch website www.legion593.com
- Facebook - [Bells Corners Legion Branch 593](https://www.facebook.com/BellsCornersLegionBranch593)
- Zone G5 Website – www.rcl-zoneg5.ca
- District G website - www.districtglegion.ca

Membership 2023



Early Bird Membership Campaign Was 1 September to 30 November 2023

We have received all the new membership card stickers or cards. Pickup yours today from our bartenders!

After November 30th, 2023 Your Membership Dues Returns To \$60.00 Per Year.

When you purchase your Early Bird membership your name was entered into our draw held each month to December 1st. **Congratulations to our winners and don't forget to stop in at the bar to claim your prize.**

Prize Each Month is \$50.00 Value

September – \$50.00 Loblaws Gift Card

Winner is **Gordon Stockdale**

October - \$50.00 LCBO Gift Card

Winner is **Bertha May**

November - \$50.00 VISA Gift Card

Winner is - **Paul Wayne Ross**



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Zone Sports 2024 - Event Locations

REGULAR DARTS	Br. 618 Stittsville	Jan. 20
SENIOR DARTS	Br. 641 Barrhaven	Jan. 6
EUCHRE	Br. 593 Bells Corners	Feb. 03
SHUFFLEBOARD	DIRECT TO DISTRICT	
MIXED DARTS	Br. 618 Stittsville	Apr. 20
HORSESHOES	DIRECT TO DISTRICT	
WASHER TOSS	Br. 641 Barrhaven	Jun. 22
GOLF	DIRECT TO DISTRICT	

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

Branch Parking Lot – Drainage Improved



To improve the drainage of water away from our parking lot, our Branch Housing Officer, Dave Tempeny had a contractor do some excavation work recently. Our new snow removal company **Postcard Perfect**, was able to complete the job of removing built up soil and other debris from our back corner lot.

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Royal Canadian Legion, Zone G-5 Sports Zone Darts 2024

Host Branch: 618 Stittsville
1481 Stittsville Main Street, Stittsville Phone: 613-836-1632

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Registration: Register for Singles - (8:30 - 9:00) play begins upon completion. Register for Doubles (10:30 - 11:00) play begins on completion of Singles. Register for Teams (12:30 – 13:00) play begins upon completion of Doubles.

Entries: No limit per Branch (Unless there are more than 36 entries).

Entry Fee: \$50.00 team. \$30.00 doubles. \$20.00 single

Deadline: All entry forms with cheque, must be received by Saturday, January 6, 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.

General: All teams must have entry form(s) signed by the Branch President, Secretary or Membership Chair, stating that the Players are paid up members in good standing and are eligible to play according to the Provincial Sports Manual.

Play is sectional round robin

Players bring your membership cards, they will be checked. 2023 winners are to ensure that the plaques are there.

Zone will be paying the entry fee for Four (4) Singles, (4) Doubles, & (4) Teams going to District. Host Branch 244 Perth. February 17, 2024

Food will be available.

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Annual Veterans Tribute Dinner Sunday November 5th, 2023



Some pictures from our dinner held on Sunday 5 November. A great turnout of veterans, including members from the Korean Vets Association Unit 7. Mr Norm Christie was our guest speaker. President Bill Black presents an Honorary Member Of Unit 7 pin to Mr Norm Christie. And...the meal provided by our friends from Lolachers, hmmm good!



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FAMSAC Food Cupboard Cheque Donation



Linda Ryan accepts a \$5,000 cheque from Branch 593 on behalf of FAMSAC Food Cupboard from Dave Treleavan, our Branch Grants & Assistance Chair. This volunteer organization provides emergency food assistance to Bells Corners, Cystal Beach, (Accora Village), Craig Henry, Manordale and Trend Arlington communities. FAMAC has been helping our local communities since 1969.

Members & Guests Please Show More Respect



This picture is what greets our visitors and guests at our front door steps! Lots of cigarette butts purposely put on our driveway. Please when smoking outside use the provided containers, or don't smoke in NO Smoking areas. Consider why you would make other members of the Branch clean this up after you? Be respectful, it's your Branch! This problem seems to be getting worse.

Kitchen Range Hood Cleaning



Our kitchen range hood venting and filters had a thorough cleaning recently. This was overdue and challenged the contractor to clean all the filters from their years of hard work. Our Housing Officer Dave Tempany, supervised the contractor who we feel did an excellent job. Filters will now work more efficiently and the fan is definitely quieter. Another job off Dave's "to do" list.

This year Branch #593 has chosen to present a pair of Legion Poppy Mittens to our local Veterans', Veterans' widows or widowers who reside in our local area Retirement Residences. These gifts will be delivered mid-December by members of the Branch. This gift allows us to provide a tribute to them for their years of service to Canada and for whom



receive a Christmas gift during the holiday season. The mittens are cheerful, made from acrylic yarn and are fleece lined. This year's gift project was initially being coordinated by our Branch Seniors Chair Bob Macnichol. Unfortunately, Bob has had to recently step down due to health reasons. Bob, we will ensure that these gifts make their way to our local Vets, Vets widows or widowers this year on your behalf.



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Remembrance Day - November 2023



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Br #593 Poppy Campaign November 2023



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.



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From The President's Stone Tablet

Our **Branch Veterans Tribute Dinner** was a great success, thank you to our little crew of volunteers that helped make this big evening great! Our Lolachers meal was awesome, and the desert fantastic!

Grey Cup was a great time at the Branch again this year. Sue Jannack created a wonderful meal of her homemade lasagna, ceaser salad, garlic bread and a desert. A **BIG** thank-you to Sue Jannack and your team!

Poppy Campaign Update – Bob Harkness our Poppy Campaign Chair lets us know that we had a successful 2 weeks this year. All traplines returns have been completed, and our remining poppy supplies are now stored away. A **BIG** Thank-You to all our Trapline Captains, members of our 3 Cadet corps and our many volunteers who manned our Bayshore & Costco tables over the 2 weeks!

Thank-you to our counting crew Sue & Larry Jannack, Brad Curtis, Bob Harkness, and Ron & Claire O'Brien. **Special thank-you to Wendy Legaagarden** who takes each of those coin box chits and verifies each one . Wendy also carefully identifies by corporation, store, and trapline how we do each year. This is a very important job as we must provide certain details to Legion Provincial Command.

With Wendy's help we are currently at \$67,716.09 including the tap boxes! Great NEWS! A few coin boxes remain to be returned to us and all area Starbucks stores thru the corporate donations system will be another month before we know. Next newsletter we will be sure to include our new 2023 Poppy Campaign total.

Events Update – We have some excellent and fun events upcoming with our News Years Eve Party and January 1st Levee that I hope you will attend.

- Happy Holidays and everyone stay safe

Shawn Taillon
President
Bells Corners Legion Branch #593



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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



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!

