

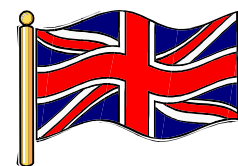
The BELLRINGER



Royal Canadian Legion Branch #593

Bells Corners, Ontario

“SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED”



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Fred Quigg

Hello Comrades, welcome to Fiscal year 2015/16. Branch 593 has held their annual elections and you have elected me, Fred Quigg as your President. After being your 1st Vice President for 3 years I believe that I am more than ready to step up to the task and lead our Branch to a successful term of office. Comrades, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to all returning committee members and a great big welcome to all the new volunteers that stepped forward to form one of our largest committee that this Branch has seen in a long time.

We now have a core of young members that are stepping forward and are willing to accept the reins and daunting task of making our Branch a success. Comrades, business will continue as usual as we will continue to monitor Branch Operations, ensuring that we comply with all the Rules and Regulations that were set forth during the last 3 years. Branch 593 was informed by the Zone Commander that we now have our Branch Regulations certificate of approval; this was one of the last outstanding issues from our past committee.

We have now begun with the planning of our Branch operations for the next 12 months; please visit our Branch website and Bellringer for a complete list of Branch committee members and their new appointments, visit our activity page for the latest entertainment and activity list and please support your Branch. Comrades Branch 593 is in fine shape, we will continue with renovations whilst making our Branch more appealing to our new members.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Joel Van Snick

Comrades All,

Branch 593 is in good shape and doing fairly well. Your Committee Elect has proven that the management of the Branch is being conducted in a fair and professional manner. This is not to say that they are not experiencing the daily struggles of managing the Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. It is becoming more apparent every day that our Veterans and seniors are more dependent on the Branch for support whether it is VAC support, seniors support, or more on the social side of the house. This support is being action by a handful of volunteers that dedicated most of their time in supporting YOU the members, this is usually a thankless undertaking as it is never enough, it reminds me of the saying, **“So much work done by so few”**. Comrades those that dedicate more than 20 hours per week in support of the Branch should be commended.

Volunteerism is a big issue, and Volunteerism starts with you the members, as I have stated before and as mentioned in the oath that we all take when we were sworn in, **“Do not ask what the Branch can do for me but what can I do for the Branch”**.

Branch issues, there are still those that believe that money falls from trees and that all the committee has to do is collect it. Comrades I am here to tell you that supporting your Branch to the fullest is a must, it is appreciated that the cost of goods are on the rise but I can honestly assure you that the Gross Profit Margin of 50% is strictly being enforced. I can honestly tell you that we are all feeling the pinch of higher Electrical and Heating cost in our homes, well the Branch is also feeling that same pinch, so the next time you bring in contraband snacks and drinks in the Branch remember the doors are open for the members at a cost, nothing comes free in this world.

Comrades, as your Zone Commander I can honestly say that all Branches in our Zone are feeling the same pain, if our Branches are to survive we have to embrace change. We must remember they **Died for US**, let's not let them down, and let's keep our Branch's alive.

Yours in Comradeship

Joel VanSnick

Immediate Past President

Zone Commander, Zone G5



1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ron Henderson

Comrades, this is my first term as 1st Vice at Branch #593 and to say the least it has been a very interesting and learning experience but enjoyable. To make the Branch successful it is you, Comrades, that attend our various activities that make things work. Check out our Facebook Page or Website for information on upcoming activities or better still drop by the Branch and have a chat with your fellow comrades.

Entertainment: Comrade Joel has decided that it was time for him to give up this chair. He has done an amassing job at this, well done Joel. The meals are done until the end of the year and entertainment is done to the end of July. If you are interested in joining the executive for the next term this is a great opportunity to get your feet wet.

Housing: It is always a challenge to keep up with all the little problems as well as the big ones that popup now and again. We did manage to complete the upstairs women's washroom and I must say it looks great. We will continue to do renovations when monies are available.

Comrade Ron Henderson

OPERATIONS' MANAGERS REPORT

Ways & Means

Our Saturday golf days at Scottish Glen, proved to be a great success this summer and fall. Our Friday BC Lunch Box is back inside so Angie can keep warm. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs are available from the grill along with a different special on most Fridays.

The Ottawa Senator Quilt that was donated by Bev Gallien was drawn at the New Years Levee and was won by Laurie Frederick. We donated \$325.00 to the General Account, thank you Bev.

Our next draw is for a 10.1" Quad Core Tablet donated by Ray Albert. The tickets are 3 for \$5.00 and are available at the Bar. Draw to take place on St. Paddy's day.

Upcoming events include Summertime Party, Super Bowl and St Paddy's Day. Check out the Bulletin Boards in the Branch, Facebook or the Website for upcoming events.

Comrade Trish Quigg

Bar

Comrades on behalf of the Bar Staff and myself the Branch Bar Officer, we would like to wish one and all health and prosperity for 2016. As 2015 came to a close we made several changes in our Bar Operations. The implementation of a wireless hand held debit machine at the member's lounge Bar, the activation of a debit machine at the lower Bar. This has proven to be one of our most popular acquisitions. We now have a new volunteer bar tender Comrade Haley Bransfield, he is a proven asset to our volunteer staff. We are looking at hiring more new bartenders in the future as we are on a very tight management schedule with the existing staff, growth is imminent and we have to grow and change with it.

Comrade Linda Barton



SERVICE OFFICER - Dick Malott - Legion Seniors and Hospital Visitation

" The Christmas Party held on Wednesday, 2 December 2015, at Branch 593 was again very successful. There were 99 guests from the various local retirement homes, especially Lynwood Park Place, Harmer House, Stillwater Creek and Thorncliffe Place. There were also many Legion members in attendance to meet Santa Claus, enjoy the food and drinks and the lovely voice of our entertainer, Lauren Hall. We hope for more attendance in 2016 when we advise all concerned that the Christmas party is for all seniors, not just veterans or Legion members. Sue Jannacks prepared 150 decorated boxes of shortbread cookies as gifts for all who attended. Santa and his elves distributed the gifts to all the happy seniors in attendance. Several Legion ladies helped prepare the very tasty sandwiches, desserts and other refreshments. Shawn Taillon made all of the in house arrangements, including getting Santa to visit us. My assignment was to get the word out to our 12 local retirement homes. The long term care homes and the Queensway-Carleton Hospital are unable to send their residents or patients.

The next event was the preparation and delivery of almost 700 Legion red blankets and 25 RCL ladies broaches. Distribution was to the 12 retirement homes, the 3 long term care homes in our area, as well as to the Queensway-Carleton Hospital, 100 plus veterans looked after by Comrade Fred McAleer, several private veterans' homes and 12 blankets to Parkway House Ottawa & District on Regina Street, Ottawa, just behind my apartment residence .Four Legion comrades volunteered to deliver the gifts in their vans aided by army cadets from our two Army Cadet Corps, 2332 and 2870. Six other Legion comrades and two retired CWM friends, Kaye DesRochers and Et Van Lingen, also assisted. The work was completed within four hours. The red blankets were a new RCL product this year and they were very happily received by all of the recipients. The funds to purchase these gifts come from the Poppy Fund, the result of the work of all who worked on the Poppy Campaign.

Several visits were made to private homes to visit veterans and widows as well as the Queensway-Carleton and Civic Hospitals. One of our Branch 593 members visited was Comrade Ken James who was very seriously injured by a car driving out of a concealed driveway on Fallowfield Road. Ken was on his motorcycle going home when hit. He received serious injuries to his legs, arms and chest. He is now at home in Greely, recuperating under the watchful eye of his dear wife, Cynthia. We all wish Ken a speedy and complete recovery (Tel: 613-821-1945). One other member visited in the QCH was Comrade Shirley Spour who suffered a stroke. She is now in the Elizabeth Bruyère Stroke and Rehab Center in downtown Ottawa. Another Comrade John Downing has been taken to the QCH and I will be visiting him soon to take him a lovely flowering plant and a red Legion blanket. Another Comrade who suffered a stroke last summer, Joy Nieckarz, is now residing at Forest Hills Garden Terrace, 6501 Campeau Drive, , Room 406, Kanata, ON K2K 3E9. (Tel: 613-592-1775).

I still wish to remind everyone to obtain a will and a Power of Attorney to safeguard your heirs on your demise. On another note if you travel by air for any reason, as a veteran, you can obtain a Platinum CFOne card that entitles you to three free bags on most Canadian airlines, especially Air Canada. For complete details contact the CFOne membership team at cf1cf@cfmws.ca or telephone 1-855-245-0330. At \$25.00 per bag that is a substantial saving of \$75.00 Canadian.

I can be reached for assistance at toysoldier@bell.net, Telephone 613-829-0280 or by mail to Richard K. Malott, 1275 Richmond Road, Apt. 610, Ottawa, ON K2B 8E3. Best wishes to all for the 2016 New Leap Year."

****** If you have changed your email address or wish to be added to our list to receive new notifications by email, please send your email address to bellringer593@gmail.com**



Branch Entertainment Calendar

Date	Entertainment	Dinner	Date	Entertainment	Dinner
01-Jan	The Truetones	New Year's Levee	05-Feb	The Classics	Roast Turkey
08-Jan	Marleen Fawcette	Ham & Cabbage Roll	07-Feb	SuperBowl Party	
15-Jan	Laredo	Roast Beef	12-Feb	Gib Rozon	Swiss Steak
16-Jan	Karaoke		19-Feb	Assembly Required	Chicken Cordon Blue
22-Jan	Country Junk	Roast Chicken	20-Feb	Karaoke	
29-Jan	Al Viser	Pork Chops	26-Feb	Allen & Drew	Roast Beef
30-Jan	Beach Party				
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04-Mar	Tony True	Ham & Cabbage Roll	01-Apr	Howard Delnick	Chicken Kiev
11-Mar	Mark Silas	Roast Pork	08-Apr	Country Reflection	Roast Beef
17-Mar	Ron Martin & Cork	St. Paddy's Day	16-Apr	Karaoke	
18-Mar	Laredo	Roast Turkey	22-Apr	Al Viser	Ham & Cabbage Roll
19-Mar	Karaoke		29-Apr	Marleen Fawcett	Roast Turkey
25-Mar	Country Junk	Beef Strogganoff			

Check out our :



POPPY CAMPAIGN - Shawn Taillon

Our 2015 Poppy Campaign was a great success and raised over \$97,000.00. These funds will go a long way in assisting our Veterans. Remember all the funds raised by our branch stays in our area to assist our Veterans.

A big thank you to all the volunteers for their time and dedication, for without their help our branch poppy campaign could not have achieved such a great success.

Special thanks goes out to Comrade Joel VanSnick for organizing another great poppy campaign.

Again, Thanks to Everyone for their great help.

Comrade Shawn Taillon
Poppy Campaign co-chair



MEMBERSHIP - Sue Jannack

Hello Comrades,

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership for 2016.

We had a great Early Bird campaign with 84% renewing.

The winners of the Early Bird draws were:

1st draw: John Nash

2nd draw: Judy Flilpkowski

3rd draw: Robert Boque

We are continuing to get new members.

Yours in Comradeship

Sue Jannack

Branch hours

Monday- Thursday 12 noon till closing

Friday 11am till closing

Saturday 12 noon till closing

Sunday 1pm till closing.

Closing time will be determined by the bar officer in charge and the Branch will close at his/her discretion depending on the number of patrons present.

SPORTS REPORT - Dave Treleaven

There are weekly sporting-type activities at our Branch. These may be of particular interest to new members. Membership is not a requirement to play so members are welcome to bring a friend. Starting time is 7pm.

Dave Treleaven
Sports Officer

Darts



Wednesday is Darts night. Although teams exist, spares are always needed and after a few nights of regular attendance a player will likely be assigned to a team.

Pool



Thursday is 8-ball pool night. Show up any night and play. Ladies are welcome.

Euchre



Tuesday night is Euchre night, starting at 7 pm

Show up any night and play.

Golf



There is an active golf group made up of players from a number of different Branches.

For additional information about golf or any other sports activity please call me.

Dave Treleaven
Sports Officer
613-270-8268

GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE - Michael Hall

This report covers the period from July, 2015 to Jan. 2016. The following Donations were approved: \$100 Canadian War Museum, \$200 Victims of Violence, \$300 Canadian Cancer Society (Wheels of Hope), Lung Association, Parkinson's Society, \$350 The Caring & Sharing Exchange, \$400 Hospice Care Ottawa, \$500 Nepean Rovers, Ottawa Mission, \$1000 Nepean- Bells corners Library, Satellite Community Health Centre, \$5000 Cameron Highlanders. Most of our funding comes from the sale of Nevada Tickets or Bingo Fund account.

Many letters of thanks and certificates of appreciation have been received for our Donations and we know we are appreciated by the Bells Corners Community and Seniors in the area we serve.

Comrade Michael Hall

Bottle Drive

If you have any bottles you wish to donate please drop them off at the Legion in the back parking lot in the shed. We are looking for Liquor, Wine, Beer bottles & wine bladders, etc.



Bells Corners Branch 593 Hall Rentals

Please contact Sue at 613-829-4609 ext #3 for rates

This Space is waiting for YOU!

SIZE	FEE
Business card	\$10.00
Quarter page	\$15.00
Half page	\$25.00
Full page	\$40.00

Meetings

Executive 2nd Monday of each month

General 3rd Monday of each month *excluding July & August*

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Sharon Pilgrim
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