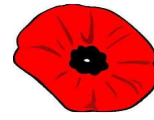




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Last Post

November - Peter Dawson – Bells Corners – Ordinary Member

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

Please inform the Branch President at:
President@legion593.com

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

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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 that you may be entitled too.

You can reach Ted at: VSO@legion593.com

Christmas Message

From the President and Executive of Bells Corners Branch 593 (RCL), we hope you have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh New Year of 2021. Everyone Stay Safe!!

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year!!

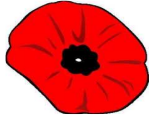
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Bells Corners Branch 593 - We did "tape" our Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony and it is placed on YouTube.

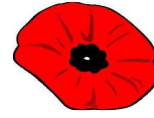
- a. Use <https://youtu.be/Fow-7CpFrjE> to view
- b. You can also type **Remembrance Day 2020 Bells Corners** using YouTube.

**Thankyou to all who attended.
Our ceremony was in the true
spirit of Remembrance Day**





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EARLYBIRD 2021 Membership

**Program Ending December 31
Open to all members in good standing**

\$50.00 per membership

Your Early Bird membership gets entered into all our monthly draws, unless of course you win one.

Prizes Each Month

**\$50.00 Gift Certificate for Loblaw's
Congratulations to the
September Winner
Phil Gallien**

**\$50.00 Gift Certificate for the LCBO
Congratulations to the
October Winner
D.A. (Butch) Carmichael**

**\$50.00 Master Card Gift Card
Congratulations to the
November Winner
John Davis**

**Next Draw
January 1st, 2021
– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for Loblaw's**

A huge thank you to Doug Kennedy and his committee for a very successful membership renewal campaign during these unique times.

We have achieved a 79% renewal of our Branch members.

You still have a few days left to get your Early Bird membership. **Renewal is \$50.**

As of January 1st, 2021, the cost of renewing your membership will be \$60.00

Ways to Renew Your Membership

Stop by the Branch; 4026 Old Richmond Rd., Ottawa.

Renew by Phone; 1-855-330-3344 (Dominion HQ)

Renew Online;

<https://portal.legion.ca/member/membership-renewal>

You will need to login into your account or create an account on the Dominion website.

To create a new account, follow the instructions on the **right side of the web page.**

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.

Please enclose any updated address information so we can keep our database correct.

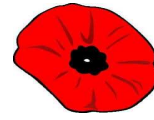
Please include your phone number, cell number, email address, and updated residence address.

If you wish to also enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment it would help the Branch keep costs down.





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2021 Branch New Year's levee 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Special Instructions

Due to the unique times that are currently upon us, the 2021 Branch New Year's levee will be following a different format from past years.

This year you will require a ticket to enter the Branch for the levee to ensure we are able to follow Provincial and City Protocols.

To ensure everyone safety and that we are following the current restrictions that are in place, the day will be divided into three (3) different time periods for you to visit us during the levee.

Please note the break in times is for us to sanitize the Branch table areas. **There will only be 45 tickets available for each time period because the staff are counted in the allowable 50.** Adjustments will be made depending on the number of members attending the levee. Timings are:

11:00 am to 1:00 pm (45 tickets left)

1:30 to 4:30 pm (Sold Out)

5:00 to 8:00 pm (45 tickets left)

Tickets will be used as a method to ensure that we can keep track of the number of people entering throughout each time period.

Refreshments and Moose Milk will be available.

Tickets are available at the bar for \$5.00, and are non-refundable unless we are forced to close by the City or Provincial governments. **Ticket price of \$5.00 will go to our 2020 Poppy Campaign.**

**Deadline to get tickets is
Thursday, December 24th, 2020**

**Remember that you must present your ticket
to enter the Branch on January 1st, 2021**

Branch Holiday Hours

**Current Wednesday thru Saturday
Afternoon Hours Will Remain**

**Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th, 2020
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th, 2020
Closed**

**Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26th, 2020
Closed**

**New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st, 2020
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**New Year's Eve Party, December 31st, 2020
Cancelled**

**New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st, 2021
11:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Note: The bartender reserves the right to close the bar earlier if there are no patrons



Legion Face Masks

We Have Masks!!

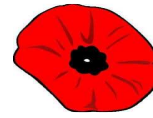
Bells Corners Branch placed another order for more masks from Dominion Supply and they have arrived! The sizes are Large and Small. See our Bartenders for yours.

We've sold over 400 masks so far!

The cost of our mask is \$10.00 including taxes with the proceeds going toward the ongoing purchases of our PPE supplies for the Branch.



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2020 Poppy Campaign

A huge thank you to all volunteers that assisted with this year's Poppy Campaign. From helping prepare the poppy kits, looking after our poppy routes (delivering and pickup of poppies to business), covering the shifts at our Poppy table at Bayshore Mall, and helping complete the count of all the poppy donations.

We have raised \$64,000 this year!

A huge thank you to all the business in our Branch area for your continuing support of our Veterans!

Branch Events - Update

The Executive have made the following decisions regarding the Fall & Winter 2020 season events.

- **Friday night dinners** are on hold until further notice;
- **Friday night dances** are on hold until further notice;
- **Euchre, Darts & Pool Leagues** are on pause until further notice;
- **Rentals** of the Branch Halls are paused until further notice;
- One pool table at the branch was reopened. Please follow the posted rules on using of the pool table during the Covid-19 situation. Failure to comply with the posted rules will result in the closure of the pool table immediately!



Bells Corners Branch 60th Anniversary

On May 3rd, 2021 your Branch will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary. We are in the beginning stages to research ideas on how to celebrate this milestone event. One of the ways is to create a history of the branch over the past 60 years.

So if you have any photos and information on different events that happened at the Branch over the years, we would love to see the photos and hear about the events. We are hoping to create a book on the history of our Branch so the next generation of members knows about our past.

Email – email us photos you have of any of the different events we've had over the years.
President@legion593.com

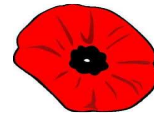
Scan - any photos you have, bring them in and we will scan them at the Branch and hand them back.

Mail – mail any photos you have to us at

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COVID-19 - Update

On November 3rd, 2020, the Ontario government announced a major change to the way they are handling COVID 19. They have moved to a tier system with guidelines for each color code. (Red, Gray, Orange, Yellow and Green)

Ottawa is currently – Orange (Restrict Measures)

Note: We have had a City of Ottawa Health By-law Officer stop by the Branch to inspect us throughout the last weeks. We continue to receive a “well done” comment from them. However, to remain open, we will continue to require your cooperation each day to follow all protocols. **They may re-visit at any time!**

Branch COVID Hours

*Sunday – Closed
Monday – Closed
Tuesday – Closed
Wednesday – 1 to 6 pm
Thursday – 1 to 6 pm
Friday – Noon to 7 pm
Saturday – Noon to 6 pm*

Note: The bartender reserves the right to close the bar earlier if there are no patrons.

Please remember the following rules when you visit the Branch;

- wear a facemask at all time unless you are seated;
- sign in at the bar upon entering the Branch, printing your name and phone number, clearly;
- tables are not allowed to be moved and you must respect the requirements of physical distance between them;
- the number of persons at any one table is a maximum of 4; (City of Ottawa Health, and as of November 7, 2020 by the Ontario government)
- we require that all patrons vacate the bar before closing time. This new restriction is placed on establishments by the government as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19;
- the Branch is limited to 50 people in the whole building at any one time. This number includes the staff and any volunteers.
- Note that we receive daily updates from the Ottawa Health unit on new restrictions and limits to slow the spread of COVID-19;