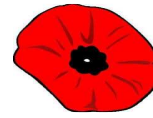


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## Last Post

### November – Janet Richard

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)



Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Closed

Boxing Day, Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Closed

Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Closed

Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**New Year's Eve Party, December 31st, 2021 – Cancelled**

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

## 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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## Upcoming Branch Events

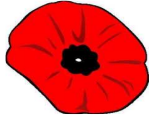
- **Next Branch Dance – Divided Hwy Band Saturday 15 January – 1-5pm**
- **Grey Cup Party – 12 Dec 2021**  
Come watch the game on our big TV and enjoy some homemade lasagna, garlic bread along with chocolate cake.  
**Prizes drawn throughout the game!**
- **Seniors Christmas Luncheon - Cancelled**
- **New Year's Eve Party – Cancelled**  
We look forward to putting together a great night next year.
- **New Year's Levee – 1 Jan 2022** with afternoon dance. **Snap Crackle Pop** will be performing from 12-4pm, A traditional beverage will be available.

## President's Christmas Message – 2021

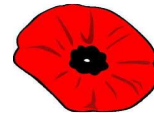
No matter how we spend our Holidays, or Christmas Day, remember to stay in touch with loved ones and friends. Keep your spirits up, we are in this together and we will persevere. We will make 2022 a success together.

The Executive and I wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Signed – Shawn Tailon – President Branch 593**



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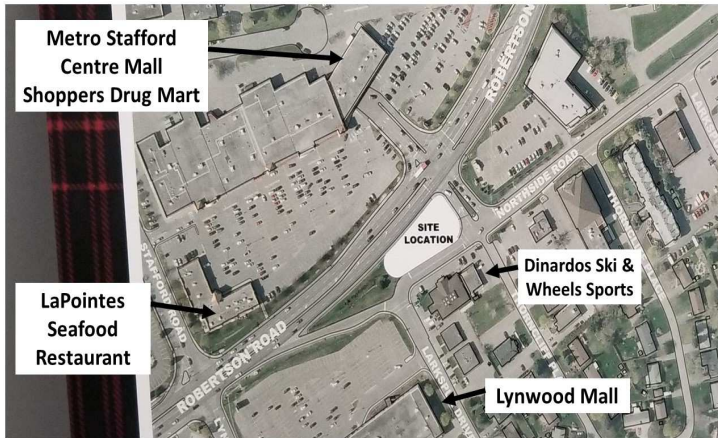


## Cameron Highlanders Of Ottawa

**New** – The Cameron Highlanders Of Ottawa Peace Park At Bells Conners to be built. This project was announced on 10 November 2021, by Ontario Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture minister Shelia McCloud.

The Cameron Highlanders Of Ottawa Peace Park will be located in a triangular space located at Robertson Rd and Northside Rd, across from the Lynwood Plaza.

[Ontario Honouring the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa | Ontario Newsroom](#)



## 2021 Poppy Campaign Update

This year **ALL** our trapline routes were filled by volunteers who went out to all corners of Nepean. (our Poppy Boundary).

- this year Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL) negotiated to receive seven (7) 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Poppy Tap boxes from Dominion Command.

-We had Tap Boxes located at the CTC Bells Corners, CAF/DND Carling CANEX store, Costco, Bayshore Mall, Algonquin College, Branch 593, and new this year the Movati Gym on Merivale Rd.

- we had members volunteer to staff tables at Costco Merivale & Bayshore Mall

We don't yet have a final figure. We will get that out to all soonest. At the time of this newsletter, we are over:

**\$60,000**

**With a few more coin boxes yet to be Counted we're confident it will be even a better final tally!**

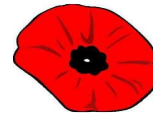
**THANKYOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**All the money collected by you stays within the Nepean area to help our Veterans & their families.**





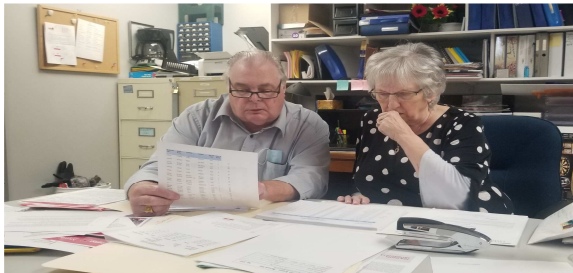
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## Branch Membership News

Our hard-working membership chairman Brain Taillon, and a trusty assistant Sue Jannack verifying our membership paperwork, ensuring all our records match with Dominion Commands database.

**We are currently at 85 % membership renewal!  
WOW!**



**Don't Forget To Pick-up Your 2022 Membership card or sticker at the Bar.**



## A Prize Each Month was a \$50.00 Value

**September – Loblaws Gift Card – Rob Dufor**

**October - LCBO Gift Card - Brian Mackey**

**November –\$50.00 Visa Card - Jean Louis Longpre**

### **Don't Forget**

Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP Veterans and serving members are eligible **for a free, one-year Legion membership**. Contact our Membership Chairman on how to apply.

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

## Branch Events

The following Branch activities have resumed with the exception of our Friday night dances.

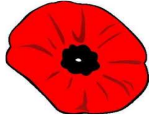
- **Euchre - Tuesday nights at 7pm** in the downstairs banquet hall has started again.
- **Darts – Each Wednesday 7pm**. There is also a **Darts Drop-in each Saturday afternoon 12-4pm in the Banquet Hall**.
- **Branch Pool League** – has now resumed on Thursdays starting at 7pm.
- **Friday Night Dinners - 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 will be dances periodically 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 and are subject to Ontario and City Of Ottawa protocols.

## Dart League News

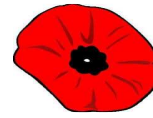
In November, the Branch purchased and installed **8 new** dart boards. They are all installed in the Banquet Hall cabinets. Awesome!







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## Membership 2022

Your membership chairperson is  
Comrade Brian Taillon.

### 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

Your Legion membership can help you save money with MemberPerks® which gives Legion members access to thousands of offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada, including national chains, local businesses and online stores.

**MemberPerks® is included free with membership. It can save you \$1000s every year — so your membership could pay for itself many times over! [Register today](#) to start saving.**  
New to the Legion? You can access MemberPerks® 30 days after your Legion membership number has been issued. Watch for an email coming in the next few weeks with information on how to activate your MemberPerks® account!

## Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL) Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) Awarded

The Royal Canadian Legions highest award for service to their Branch, the MSM, was presented to Sue Jannack on 8 November 2021 at our monthly Executive Meeting. Well deserved, and well-done Sue! Please congratulate Sue when next you see her, since we've been unable to hold General Meetings.

President Shawn Taillon, (left) Sue Jannack with Honors & Awards Chairman Brad Curtis (right)

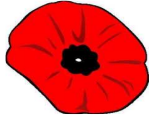


## Branch Housing Update

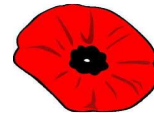
In November we completed 2 more projects:

- A new Culligan water softener system (rented)
- Branch doors were re-keyed – less keys





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**Bells Corners Branch #593 (RCL)  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 1961 to 2021**

## Lapel Pins & Coins Are Now Available

### - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pins



**Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin** is now available at the Bar, **ONE (1) FREE** for all Members, & Life Members in good standing that had paid their 2021 membership dues. See the bartenders for yours!

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin** is also now available to purchase for **\$5.00** each. See the bartenders.

### - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin – Now Available!

Branch coins are now available for purchase from the bartenders for **\$ 25.00**  
**Very Limited Qty**



## Certificate Of Merit Awarded

On Thursday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Honors & Awards Chairman, Brad Curtis on behalf of the President, Executive and members of Branch 593, presented Sue Belliveau our Office Manager with a **Royal Canadian Legion Certificate Of Merit** for her outstanding support to Bells Corners Branch 593. During the worst of those unsettling Covid times of last year, which continues this year, Sue continues to complete Branch correspondence, getting the bills paid, doing financial reports and taking telephone calls all on behalf of our Branch. Sue's Certificate Of Merit reads:

*To Sue Belliveau in recognition of her outstanding administrative support to this Branch as our Office Manager. Her dedication during this 2020/21 COVID-19 Pandemic was critical to having the Branch survive. Often volunteering to work from home, Sue ensured all bills were paid, and the operations of the Branch did not suffer.*

*Bells Corners Branch #593 (RCL)  
15 November 2021*

*Signed – Shawn Taillon, President*

## **Branch Phone System**

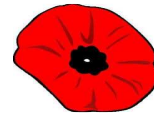
**YES!** Our upgraded phone system is now working as it should! You again have the ability to contact the Office Manager, leave a message, the ability to contact our Bar staff during afternoon and evenings, and a couple of other great things.

**Thank you For Being Patient**





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**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)

**Volunteers Needed At  
Your Branch**

Now more than ever, the Branch is in need of volunteers (young and senior) to step up and help us achieve the mission of your 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:

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice

Secretary

Treasurer

Chairperson

Public Relations/Newsletter

Bingo Coordinator

**URGENT - Bartenders Needed NOW!**

**Or You Can Help With Any Of  
The Various Committees**

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice or President. We need your support!

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

OR

[1st-Vice@legion593.com](mailto:1st-Vice@legion593.com)