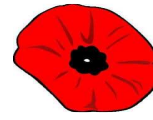




# Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



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## Last Post

**December** - Reunier Mientje – Bells Corners – 3 year Associate Member

**December** - Emmerson Moore – Bells Corners – 23 year Affiliate Member

**July 2020** - George Chruenko – Bells Corners – 16 year Affiliate 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](mailto:President@legion593.com)

You can also contact the Branch Chaplin at:  
613-828-2314 or [Chaplain@legion593.com](mailto:Chaplain@legion593.com)

## UPDATE - COVID Support Funding

In November 2020, the Federal Government announced funding to assist Legion Branches through the Veterans Organization Emergency Support Funding program.

We applied to this program and we are very happy to announce that our Branch received **\$10,845.04** from this program late December. We diligently look into any new grants as they are announced, and are currently awaiting to hear back on a recent funding program that we've submitted an application for.

## 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. 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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## President Message

Hope everyone had a good and safe Christmas and hope our New Year will be much better than the last.

It is hard to believe that it has been over 10 months (315 days) since the pandemic began, and has had us on several lockdowns. (three so far) With the vaccines starting to slowly roll out, we hope that the Branch can reopen soon.

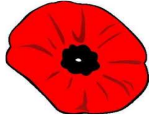
As we are continuing to deal with the COVID 19 restrictions, we are always seeking ways to offer different events that are safe and in compliance with all the different regulations.

The Branch is currently closed until further notice, but we will reopen as soon as we are permitted to do so. Unfortunately, the **Red** tier is not economically feasible for the Branch to open.

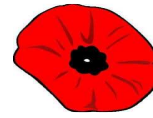
On better news, the Branch will be Officially Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. We need your help to make our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a success despite COVID.

We're looking for old photos and any history you have of the Branch to create a small scrap book.

We're also seeking your help to create a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo to be used on clothing and other items. Lots more on this later in the newsletter. Stay safe, and take care of each other!



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## Membership

Big thanks to everyone that renewed their memberships for 2021.

**We have achieved an 81% renewal of our Branch members. Fantastic!**

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

**Congratulations to all of our early bird winners**

**\$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

**\$50.00 Gift Certificate for Loblaw's**  
Congratulations to the  
**December Winner**  
Tom Baker

As of the end of December 2020, the Branch has 456 members! Excellent! WOW! If you have not renewed your Legion membership as yet, please contact us at our email address [Membership@legion593.com](mailto:Membership@legion593.com) and we'll help you renew.



Visit our Branch website  
[www.legion593.com](http://www.legion593.com)

Visit our Branch Facebook page  
Bells Corners Legion Branch 593

Visit District G website  
[www.districtlegion.ca](http://www.districtlegion.ca)

## NEW - Branch 593 COVID 19 Safety 2020/21 - Upgrades

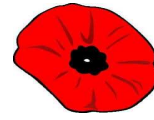
The Executive would like to update everyone on the COVID safety changes we've made over the past 6 months. Pictures of the new changes are below.

- a handmade safety screen to separate the bar from patrons as part of the protocol of City & Provincial Gov't. Works perfect, and avoided us spending well over \$1,000 for a commercially built one that looked very cheap.
  - as you enter the Branch, we now have a standalone touchless sanitizer dispenser so everyone entering can get a "squirt" as they enter.
  - touchless paper towel dispensers. No more pushing the bottom plastic bar to dispense paper, you now just pull your individual piece off.
  - touchless soap dispensers. All washrooms now have touchless soap dispensers installed. Just place your hand underneath and a squirt of soap is dispensed into your hands.
  - touchless washroom sink faucets. The 3 upstairs washrooms now have faucets that work with an electronic eye as you place your hands under the tap. Water is dispensed, already at warm, so no knobs to touch or turn anymore! (installed last week of January)
- All these upgrades approved by your Executive, were either built (the screens) or installed by your housing officer, Dave Tempenny. Big thankyou to Dave, as all these were exactly what we needed to upgrade the safety of our Branch!**





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## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Contest



**Not Authorized**

**Authorized & Encouraged**

We need your help to create our Bells Corners Legion Branch 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo which we may use on some clothing and merchandise this year...2021! Our first proposed logo using the Royal Canadian Legion Crest with a number 60 superimposed on it was denied by the Dominion Command Marketing Department in late November. It seems a long standing policy has been that this crest is to have nothing superimposed on it. Yes, many of us have seen the Legion crests thru the years with numbers, sadly they were illegal.

**Therefore, we are asking for your input, Member OR NOT to help us design a crest for our 60<sup>th</sup> ....this year 2021.**

With little time to spare to initiate a design and then have some possible clothing and items produced this year, we are asking that your design be

***submitted to us by April 6th, 2021***

**The winning design will receive a \$100 prepaid Visa gift card.**

Anyone is welcome to submit a 60<sup>th</sup> logo design. Our Branch Logo can be just a start of many patterns and ideas that can be submitted. **The authorized logo should have the number 60 somewhere in its design, but may also contain 1961 – 2021 in various forms.**

### **Any HELP And Request For Template?**

We will gladly email you the authorized Branch template to begin your designing. To receive the authorized template from us, please email us at [legion593.ca@rogers.com](mailto:legion593.ca@rogers.com) or leave a voice message and we'll send out a copy of our current logo. If you have ideas to share, contact Mr. Rob Dufour who also designed our Branch Remembrance Day lawn signs this past November. Rob will also be happy to assist you with any technical questions.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Branch History

**We need your help to preserved our branch history**

**On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 your Branch will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** We are hoping 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 scrap book or a TV slide show of pictures of the events from our Branch history. We hope to leave something for the next generation of members and our 75<sup>th</sup>!

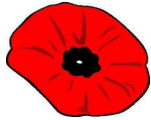
**Email** – email us photos you have of any of the different events we've had over the years at, [legion593.ca@rogers.com](mailto:legion593.ca@rogers.com)

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

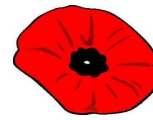
**Mail** – mail any photos you have to us at

**P.O. Box 11187  
Station H Ottawa, Ontario  
K2H 7T9**

**Deadline for submission is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



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## Legion Face Masks

### We Have Masks!!

Bells Corners Branch has the awesome Legion Logo masks from Dominion Supply. 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 COVID 19 supplies for the Branch.**

## Military Service Recognition Book

### Recognize Our Veterans

As the "Keepers of Remembrance", Ontario Command is proud to publish an Annual Military Service Recognition Book to identify and recognize many of our Veterans in Ontario who have served, or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces.

We invite you to visit your local Legion Branch to obtain more information regarding this Remembrance program and more importantly, to submit a story and photo of a Veteran.

Everyone is welcome to submit a story, including Veterans, relatives or friends. Volumes from past years are available for free at the Branch.

This project not only produces an annual Military Service Recognition Book, but also raises funds through a telephone appeal to the general public and through advertising sales.

Funds raised through the program are being utilized to support various Veterans Transition Programs that will assist our Veterans who suffer from various challenges they face through their day to day lives.

We invite you to share your story or the story of a loved one.

Drop off or send your histories and stories to your local Legion Branch early. We accept them year-round. Please do not drop off, send items, or mail to Provincial Command

## Branch Bursary Assistance Program

Up to a \$1000.00 Bursary is available from Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Poppy Trust Fund

Eligibility: to be successful, an application must meet one of the following requirements.

- (1.) Ordinary, Associate and Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 593 in good standing or their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- (2.) Any person and their children who is serving or who has honorably served in the Canadian Armed Forces and whose primary residence's is in the old city limits of Nepean, excluding Barrhaven.

Application forms are available on our branch website – [legion593.ca@rogers.com](mailto:legion593.ca@rogers.com)

**Deadline Application Date For  
Winter Term 2021 is  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

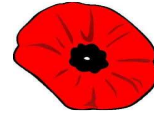
## Branch Events - Update

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

- **Friday night dinners** are cancelled until further notice;
- **Friday night dances** are cancelled 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 has been authorized to be used. Please follow the posted rules on using the pool table during the COVID-19 situation. Failure to comply with the posted rules will result in the closure of the pool table use immediately!



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## Hear Ye Hear Ye – We Need Your Help!

Volunteer Bartenders are urgently required at your Branch in order to change the current Branch Bar hours of only Wednesday thru Saturday.

**Currently, we do not have enough volunteer bartenders!!**

All you need to help is the Ontario Smart Serve Course, and that can be completed online from the comfort of your favorite armchair. Once you have successfully completed the course you will be reimbursed and assigned to a bartender for training at your convenience.

Show your support and volunteer. Now is the time to help support your Branch from the other side of the bar. If you are interested, curious, or can offer some time, please contact me at:

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



## COVID-19 - Update

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Grey, Orange, Yellow and Green)

**The Branch hopes to reopen once the City or Provincial Gov't moves us to Orange Tier**

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, once we reopen, we will continue to require your cooperation each day to follow all protocols. **They may re-visit at any time!**

## Branch COVID Hours (when we reopen)

*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**

## When we reopen - please remember the following COVID 19 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;