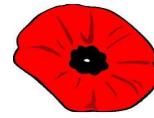


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Last Post

**February Gerry Wallingford
Myrna Ann Spratt**

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

Mr. Tom Watson is our Branch Chaplain, and he can be reached at 613-697- 6334, OR Chaplain@legion593.com

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WE did it, Bells Corners Br #593, now has Branch Regulations! Our Branch Regulations that have been sought after for more than 10yrs were officially certified/approved on February 27th 2023, by Ontario Command, Constitution & Laws Committee. Copies will be available at the entrance to the rear lounge for anyone who wishes to review. Brad took on this latest challenge in 2019, just as COVID was about to strike, and after a number of further attempts which also included changes to the forms, we have finally been successful! Congratulations to our Regulations Chair, Brad Curtis. **YAAHOOO!**

Branch Service Officer

Your **Branch Service Officer** (Veterans Service Officer) is Bob Macnichol.

Bob 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 Bob at: VSO@legion593.com





St. Patrick's Day Dance

Friday Afternoon March 17th

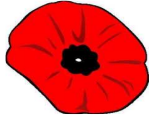
1 to 7:00pm

Doors Open at 12

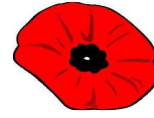
Come Out & Enjoy Some
Homemade Beef Stew With
The Fixings - **\$10.00 w/Tax**

Dance – DJ by TP Music



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MEETING NOTICE!

Branch Annual Elections Monday April 17th 2023

Once again it is time to nominate and vote for the next members of the Branch Executive & Committees.

Tuesday Feb 21, 7 pm - General Meeting. Forms for nominating a member were available at the bar starting Feb 21.

Monday April 17, 7 pm - General & Branch Elections Meeting will be dedicated to electing your 2023/24 Bells Corners Branch President, Executive and Committee Chairs.

All positions are available for nominations. We need your support and to attend the election meeting. **You can make a difference by volunteering for one of these positions.**

The Election Officer for 2023 is Larry Boytel

President
1st Vice
2nd Vice
3rd Vice
Secretary
Treasurer

Sgt-at- Arms

Branch Service Officer
Bar Officer or Manager
Bingo
Branch Chair
Bursary
Entertainment
Grants & Assistance
Housing & Property
Honors & Awards

Membership
Poppy Campaign
Poppy Trust
Public Relations
Regulations
Seniors & Visitation
Sports Officer
Ways & Means
Youth Education

Weekly Branch Events

- **Euchre – Each Tuesday night at 7pm** in the downstairs Banquet Hall.
- **Darts - Each Wednesday night at 7pm.**
- **Darts - Darts Drop-in each Saturday** afternoon 12-4pm in the downstairs Banquet Hall.
- **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

Legion  Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL) Legion 

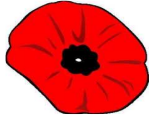
The Branch Will Be Closed

**Easter Sunday
Sunday 9 April, 2023**

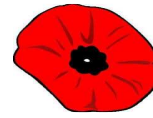
And

**Easter Monday
Monday 10 April, 2023**





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BELLS CORNERS BRANCH 593(RCL)



Good Friday
Friday 7 April, 2022



Meal Served 12pm To 6pm



**Haddock Homemade Batter
Tartar Sauce, Coleslaw & Fries**

1 Piece \$13.50 Includes Tax

2 Piece \$18.00 includes Tax



**All Our Usual Friday
Grill 593 Food Will Be
Available**

**Gravy Available
On All Meals**



Band - Arc Of Fire
2pm-6pm

Drop By For A Great Friday Afternoon

Bells Corners Branch #593

Sunday April 16, 1pm to 3pm - Branch Front Lounge

**Award Presentations To Our
Outstanding Volunteers Of 2022
AND**

**Awarding Legion Membership Year Pins
Missed From 2018 To 2023**

Visit your Branch on Sunday 16 April, 2023 and be a-part of our ceremony, where we will be presenting a number of Legion Branch awards to our outstanding volunteers of 2022.

This will also be our first opportunity to award you, our Members, with your 5yr, 10yr, to 50yr, or more plus years membership pins. We haven't been able to award you your Legion service pin in several years, so please stop by and attend our ceremony where we hope to be able to catch up and award you.... Yours!

Light Snacks Will Be Available - FREE



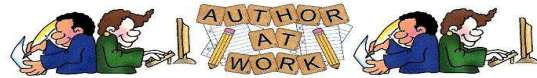
Stay Informed, check these Legion sites

- 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



DISTRICT "E" - 5th Annual

SENIORS' 55+ LITERARY COMPETITION



Submit original

POEMS, ESSAYS, MEMOIRS, SHORT STORIES

ELECTRONIC entries/enquiries ONLY to:

districtEseniorsliterary@gmail.com

COMPETITION OPENS - FEBRUARY 14, 2023

CLOSES - midnight APRIL 30, 2023

**AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT AND LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023**

For more info on SENIORS LIT COMPETITION

Contact Seniors' Chair Bruno Scaturchio - 416-347-0621

Or Dist E Sec/Srs Lit Sub Chair Betty-Jean Murray - 705-528-9292

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Cheque Presentation - Veterans House

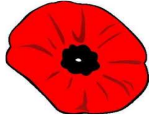


On Tuesday Feb 21 2023, Bells Corners Branch 593, presented a cheque of \$1,500 dollars to Sheldon Leong on behalf of the Andy Carswell, Veterans House. Veterans House is located on the former Ottawa RCAF Rockland base. \$1,025 was raised by the folks who participated in last falls Branch Golf Tournament, with the Branch adding \$475.00 to give a new donated value of \$15,000.

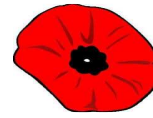
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Branch Events – February thru May 2023

Saturday Afternoon Dance - March 11th, 2023
Nostalgia – 1 to 5pm

St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17th, 2023
DJ – TP Music and Beef Stew will be available

Legion Zone G5 Convention – March 26th - Bells Corners Branch is hosting – 1 to 4pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance - March 25th, 2023
Snap, Crackle & Pop – 1 to 5pm

Saturday April 1st – Branch Pool Tournament

Sunday April 2 – Branch 593 Remembrance Day 2022
- Youth Poster & Literary Contest Awards at 2pm

Good Friday Afternoon Dance - April 7th, 2023
Fish & Chips will be available
Arc and Fire – 1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance - April 15th, 2023
Gib Rozon – 1 to 5pm

Sunday Afternoon Dance - April 30th, 2023
Gord Barnes & Laredo - 1 to 5pm

Saturday May 6, 2023 – Branch Pool Tournament

Saturday Afternoon Dance – May 13, 2023
Al Vissor – 1 to 5pm

Saturday Afternoon Dance – May 27th, 2023
Country Junk - 1 to 5pm

Bingoland – Volunteers Always Needed

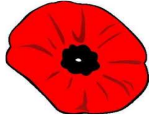
Please consider helping your Branch by volunteering to assist the folks who play local Bingo. There is no money to handle anymore, your duties are meeting and greeting patrons and answering any questions. **The money we receive from Bingoland goes to support our 2 Cadet Corps we sponsor, and so without your help or this money, we can't support one of the best youth organizations in Canada.**

Your Branch has an agreement to to have some folks from Br 593 assist the Bingoland Gaming Centre. If we fail to have anyone attend, Bingoland can offer our positions to another organization, a big monetary loss for the Branch! Ron & Claire O'Brian have been our steady volunteers each Monday afternoon, and have recently welcomed Bob Harknesson to the team, but they can't do it alone. **Support your Branch, contact Dave Treleven to volunteer some time.**

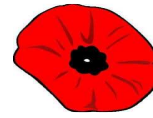


Bells Corners Branch 593 Members We Need Your Help

Our Branch Membership Meetings have struggled lately with not enough members attending to even complete a quorum which in turn does not allow us to pay bills, discuss or activate motions. Often our business items are time sensitive and we should not be delaying from month to month, because not enough members showed any interest in the operations of the Branch. This is your Branch with 429 members, but twice in 3 months now we have not had a quorum of even 21 folks attend. Branch Membership Meetings are held once a month, the 3rd Monday of the month, unless there is a stat holiday, when the meeting will be held the following night, same time, same place. We do hope to see more members attend in the future.



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Membership 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 2023 Membership card or sticker soonest, to keep your service years and Legion Magazine. Stop by and speak with our bartenders to receive yours.

WE Need You To Attend Your Branch General Meetings. Without You Attendance. We May Not Be Able to Accept Important Motions Or Pay Important Bills.



Bells Corners Branch 593(RCL)



**Monthly General Meetings
Are Held The 3rd Monday Of Each Month
(unless a stat holiday)**

Be Informed Be Heard Be Connected

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.

Don't Forget

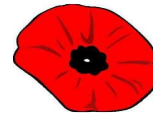
Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP Veterans and serving members are eligible for a free, one-year Legion membership.

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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Branch Heating Boiler Replaced Just In Time

OLD



NEW



The Branch has a new heating boiler! After 32yrs of dedicated service, our old heating boiler struggled thru January. We had hoped to coach it through till the spring. In anticipation of this replacement, we had applied for a Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant which we were successful obtaining in December 2022. Sadly, the boiler during the Feb cold snap really started to act up and had our Property & Housing Chair visit the Branch several times to relight or tweak the boiler to keep it working. We had to move ahead with the install and just in time, as even the contractor was amazed it was still working! Because we had to install before our Branch **Notice Of Motion** was completed, an email or letter has now been sent to all members to follow through with the Legion Provincial Regulations on a Branch repair or renovation of over \$25,000.

Thankyou to Dave Tempeny and our contractor Rocque Mechanical for the one day and done installation. Few folks even knew the boiler was being exchanged on Thursday 9 Feb, as there was no room temperature drop.

Saturdays BLIND DRAW DARTS



Where: Bells Corners Branch # 593 (RCL)
4026 Old Richmond Rd, Bells Corners
OC Transpo - Bus #57 is an option

Time- 12:30 to 4:00pm
12:30 Sign-in
1:00pm - Start

Cost - \$7:00 per person

Format - 501 (Double IN)
Double Out Weekly

Plus A 50/50 Draw Weekly

Food – Available – Check Menu

ALL WELCOME TO PLAY
COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN ON A SATURDAY!



King Charles III Portrait – Update

At the writing of this newsletter, an official portrait of King Charles III has not as yet been released. As directed by Dominion HQ in September, we are to leave in place HM Queen Elizabeth II portraits until the new King's portrait becomes available.



Lapel Pin - HM Queen Elizabeth II

We have purchased a number of these lapel, jacket or hat pins. If you would like one, these are \$7.00.
Pay the bartender.



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Bells Corners Branch 593



Business Hours Winter 2023

Starting January 1st 2023

MONDAY – CLOSED

TUESDAY – 1pm TO 10pm

WEDNESDAY – 1pm TO 11pm

THURSDAY – 1pm TO 10pm

FRIDAY – Noon TO 7pm

SATURDAY – Noon TO 6pm

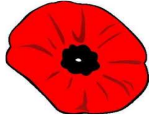
SUNDAY – Noon TO 6pm



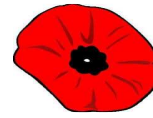
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From The President's Stone Tablet

Is It Spring Yet?

Our Branch Election Cycle is now engaged, and I invite and encourage all our members to **attend our Elections Meeting on Monday 17 April, 7pm in the front lounge.** We need all members who are able to attend and help elect your next Bells Corners Branch President and Branch Executive for 2023/24. This is a very important meeting, and I hope you will be able to attend, the future of your Branch depends on it. Stittsville Branch will provide scrutineers and the Zone G5 Commander will also attend to be our Election Chair for the evening.

Lots of events upcoming at 593 over the next months, and some are identified in this newsletter, more are listed on our **Branch Website calendar** which is available to anyone anytime to review. Go to www.legion593.com and then tap on the **Calendar Of Events** tab.

The **Calendar Of Events** tab is also a great way to verify if a day or time you would like to rent/book one of our rooms is available.

We will restart our annual Branch 593 Volunteer Awards Ceremony **on Sunday April 16th** at 1pm. We will be taking this opportunity to identify our outstanding volunteers of 2022 with several Legion Branch certificates, and awards. There will be some light snacks available (free) to help us enjoy the afternoon, and I hope we have as many members as possible attend. Let's get together to say thank you to the many folks who have kept our Branch vibrant with their efforts in 2022. The backlog of Membership Year pins will also be available, so please drop by.

To all our current bartenders and lunch cooks, **A BIG THANKYOU** for volunteering your time to ensure we can all stop into the Branch most days and visit with one another, have fun, maybe dance, enjoy a meal or maybe tell tall tales.

Shawn Taillon
President
Bells Corners Legion Branch #593

Friday & Saturday Lunch

Grill 593

Where The Locals Eat

Legion 
Bells Corners Branch
593



**Join Us For Lunch On
Fridays & Saturdays - 12 to 2pm**

**Hamburger Platter, Cheese
Burger, Chicken Burgers, Fries,
Hotdogs, Hotdog Platter,
Chicken Strips
Famous 593 Poutine**

Gravy Available With All

"REMEMBER VIMY" HISTORY EVENT

Sunday, March 26th, 2023; Noon to 4.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 593

4026 Old Richmond Road, Bell's Corners.

Free entry & parking.

Call 613-823-7000 / cefbooks@rogers.com for details.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was a brilliant Canadian Victory. It became synonymous with efficiency and success. But it cost 4,000 Canadian lives. It was the first step in the Canadian path to Glory. Those interested in history and are in the Ottawa area are welcome to join our History Event. If you have items to sell, trade or buy, bring them along. There will be tables, and a bar. Let's save Canadian History!

COME ON OTTAWA! WE NEED PEOPLE TO SHOW UP!

ED POZNANSKI WILL PRESENT: THE BLUE ARMY; THE AMERICAN & CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS WHO FOUGHT FOR POLISH INDEPENDENCE. 1 PM.

NORM'S TALK WILL BE: THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE & THE MISSING OF VIMY. STARTS AT 2 PM.

NEXT EVENTS: ALWAYS SUNDAY, April 23rd, 2023 & May 28th, 2023

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