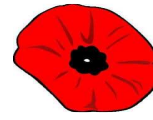




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## Last Post

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.

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

Please inform the Branch President at: [President@legion593.com](mailto:President@legion593.com)

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## Branch Current & Holiday Hours

Current Wednesday Thru Saturday  
Afternoon Hours Will Remain

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Closed

Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Closed

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

New Year's Eve Party, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
Cancelled

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
11:00 am to 8:00 pm

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

## COVID-19 –New Update

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

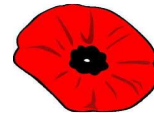
Note: We have had a City of Ottawa Health By-law Officer stop by the Branch to inspect us throughout the last weeks. We continue to receive a “well done” comment from them. However, to remain open, we will continue to require your cooperation each day to follow all protocols. **They may re-visit at any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

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;
- Note that the warning phase is now over and the city officials (police, by-law and health inspectors) are now fining people and business that fail to follow the current restrictions. The fines start at \$750 for individuals and \$10,000 for business.



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## NEW! - E-Transfer

The Branch is researching the ability for us to use e-transfers for payments to the Branch.



## 2020 Legion Membership Renewal News – NEW

*Your Executive made the decision to extend the Early Bird Membership renewal deadline to **End December** due to the closure of the Branch in October.*

**Early Bird Membership**  
**\$50.00 per membership**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Purchase your Early Bird membership**  
**NOW**  
**and your name is entered into our draws held each month to December!**  
**Prizes Each Month**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for Loblaws**  
**Congratulation to our**  
**September Winner -Phil Gallien**



## 2020 Poppy Campaign

Thank you to everyone that has assisted with our 2020 Poppy Campaign. This year has been a very challenging year. We did happily receive permission from a number of local business to place poppy boxes at their location. We did eventually have about 80% of the business's that support our poppy campaign over the past years back with us again this year. **A huge thank you to all the business in our Branch area for your continuing support of our Veterans!**

## SUCCESS!!! - Our Contactless Drive-Thru Poppy Pick Up

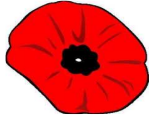
**On October 31<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, & November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020** your Branch held a contactless poppy pickup drive-thru **from 10 am to 3 pm**. This was a tremendous success, as each weekend we often had cars lined up to pick up some poppies, purchase a lawn sign, facemask or Legion items.

**A great success organized by Ed Ruspic and his team!**

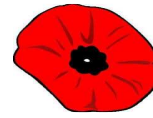
## Remembrance Day Ceremony

- **Bells Corners Branch 593** - We did “tape” our Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony and it is placed on YouTube. Our Ceremony was attended by our local MP and a representative on behalf of Lisa McCloud (MPP). Also attending was the CO and RSM from The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, our Branch color party, and members of your Executive.
  - a. Use <https://youtu.be/Fow-7CpFriE> 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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November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
\$50.00 Gift Certificate for the LCBO

**Congratulations To Our  
November Winner  
D.A. (Butch) Carmichael**

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
- \$50.00 Master Card Gift Card

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for Loblaws

**Your name will remain eligible for all draws  
unless you have been a winner.**

## Ways To Renew Your Membership

### ❖ Stop by the Branch

- This year when you renew your membership, you will receive your sticker right away. This only applies to members in good standing.

### ❖ Online Renewal

- You will need to login into your account or create your account on the Dominion website  
<https://portal.legion.ca/login>.
- Then click on membership renewal -  
<https://portal.legion.ca/member/membership-renewal>
  - You will need to enter your credit information in your account to pay for your membership renewal. Please bring a copy of proof of payment with you when you pick up your membership renewal sticker at the branch.



## 2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony

This year, our 2 Cadets Corps were not permitted to participate in our Poppy Campaign. Our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at Centrepointe Drive, in Nepean was cancelled for 2020.

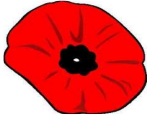
This year our Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony took place on the front lawn of the Branch where there were only a small number of members, who with the color party conducted this years' service.

The Executive made the difficult decision to **NOT host our annual Branch Remembrance Day Open House** this year to ensure the safety of everyone. The reception normally held after our service at Centrepointe was **cancelled due to the limited number (currently 50), and the possible conflicts maintaining no more than 50 moving in and out of the Branch that day.**

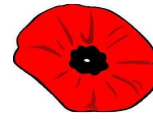
**The Branch was closed Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## History of Remembrance Day

**Remembrance Day (formerly known as Armistice Day)** is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of First World War on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between



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## ❖ By Mail

- Please make cheques payable to Bells Corners Legion Branch 593 and in the memo section of your cheque please write in your Membership Number.
- Also 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.
- **Your Branch address is:  
P.O. Box 11187  
Station H  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2H 7T9**

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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## 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](mailto:VSO@legion593.com)

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5:12 and 5:20 that morning. ("At the 11th hour" refers to the *passing* of the 11th hour, or 11:00 am.)

The First World War officially ended with the signing of the Treaty Of Versailles on 28 June 1919.

The tradition of Remembrance Day evolved out of Armistice Day. The initial Armistice Day was observed at Buckingham Palace, commencing with King George V hosting a "Banquet in Honour of the President of the French Republic" during the evening hours of 10 November 1919.

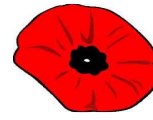
The first official Armistice Day was subsequently held on the grounds of Buckingham Palace the following morning. During the Second World War, many countries changed the name of the holiday. Member states of the Commonwealth of Nations adopted Remembrance Day, while the US chose Veterans Day.

In Canada, Remembrance Day (*Jour du Souvenir*) is a statutory holiday in all three territories and in six of the ten provinces. Nova Scotia recognizes the day separately under their provincial Remembrance Day act; but Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec do not treat the day as an official holiday in any capacity. From 1921 to 1930, the Armistice Day Act provided that Thanksgiving would be observed on Armistice Day, which was fixed by statute on the Monday of the week in which 11 November fell. In 1931, the federal parliament adopted an act to amend the *Armistice Day Act*, providing that the day should be observed on 11 November and that the day should be known as *Remembrance Day*. A bill (C-597) intended to make Remembrance Day a federal statutory holiday was tabled in the House of Commons during the 41st parliament, but died on the order paper when parliament was dissolved for a federal election. In a more informal manner, there has been the opinion voiced against the marketing trend called Christmas creep that the conclusion of Remembrance Day should be the earliest acceptable time in which to mark the Christmas holidays.

The federal department of Veterans Affairs Canada states that the date is of "remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace"; particularly the First and Second World Wars, the Korean



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## Branch Events - Update

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

- Our **Annual Veterans Dinner** which would be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been postponed until a future date;
- **Veterans and Seniors Christmas Party** planned for Wednesday; December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 has been postponed to a future date;
- **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;
- **Branch New Year's Eve Party for 2020 is cancelled;**
- 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 results in the closure of the pool table immediately!

War, and all conflicts since then in which members of the Canadian Armed Forces have participated.

The official national ceremonies are held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. These are presided over by the Governor General of Canada and attended by the prime minister, other dignitaries, the Silver Cross Mother, and public observers.

Occasionally, a member of the Canadian Royal Family may also be present.

**Armistice Day** is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 am, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

The date is a national holiday in France, and was declared a national holiday in many Allied nations. However, many Western countries and associated nations have since changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day, with member states of the Commonwealth of Nations adopting Remembrance Day, and the United States government opting for Veterans Day. In some countries Armistice Day coincides with other public holidays.

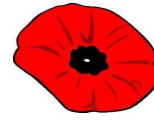
The first Armistice Day was held at Buckingham Palace, commencing with King George V hosting a "Banquet in Honour of the President of the French Republic during the evening hours of 10 November 1919. The first official Armistice Day events were subsequently held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace on the morning of 11 November 1919, which included a two-minute silence as a mark of respect for those who died in the war and those left behind. This would set the trend for a day of remembrance for decades to come.

After the end of World War II, most member states of the Commonwealth of Nations, followed the earlier example of Canada and adopted the name Remembrance Day.





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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 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 the number of members attending the levee. Timings are:

- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- 1:30 to 4:30 pm**
- 5:00 to 8:00 pm**

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 the Poppy Campaign).

**Deadline to get tickets is  
Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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)

**We Will Remember Them**



**WORLD WAR I**

- 628,736 Canadians served.
- 66,573 died and 138,166 were wounded.
- 2,818 were taken prisoner of war.
- 175 merchant seamen died by enemy action



**WORLD WAR II**

- 1,031,902 male and 49,963 female Canadians served.
- 44,927 died and 53,145 were wounded.
- 8,271 were taken prisoner of war.
- 1,146 merchant seamen died by enemy action.



**KOREA**

- 26,791 Canadians served.
- 516 died and 1,558 were wounded
- 33 were taken prisoner of war.



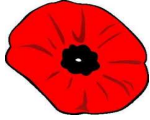
**THE GULF WAR**

- 3,837 male Canadian and 237 female Canadians served.
- There were no Canadian casualties during the Gulf War.
- No Canadians were taken prisoner during the Gulf War.

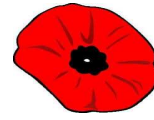


**PEACEKEEPING**

- 125,000 Canadians have served since 1947 including 1,500 from the RCMP and other police forces.
- Canadians have served on a total of 100 missions.
- There have been 113 Canadian casualties during Peace Keeping missions.



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## 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.**



Thankyou to all who purchased one or more of our Bells Corners Legion Remembrance Day lawnsigns. **At this point we have sold 307! WOW!!** Money raised from the sale of these signs goes directly into our 2020 Poppy Campaign. This has been a great success, and there are still some left if you would like to purchase one.

Thankyou Rob Dufour for your organizing and effort to make this a great success!



## AFGHANISTAN

- 40,000 plus Canadians served.
- 159 died and 2047 were wounded.
- No Canadians were taken prisoner during the Afghanistan War.



## Bells Corners Branch 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 your Branch will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> 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 any photos you have of any of the different events we've had over the years.**

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