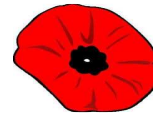




# Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



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## Last Post

**November – Gary Green  
Korean Veteran – James Lafreniere**

Please let us know of any members who pass away so we could assist the family, inform the membership and update our records. Contact the Branch President at: [President@legion593.com](mailto:President@legion593.com)

Your Branch has a **NEW Chaplin, Mr Tom Watson**. The Branch Chaplain can be reached at 613-697- 6334 OR [Chaplain@legion593.com](mailto:Chaplain@legion593.com)

## Branch Emails

Once every 2 months the Branch will send out a newsletter on what is happening at your Branch. Be assured that your personal email address will not be shared with anyone, or 3rd party companies.

Occasionally the Branch will also email our members important news or updated information on events.

If you, or someone you know is not receiving our newsletter, or emails please send the President their email address and we will update asap.

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

## 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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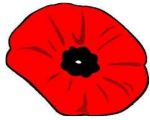
- 1** Branch 593 - Remembrance Week Lawn Signs
- 2** Grey Cup Party - Dec 12th
- 3** **Next Branch Saturday Dance – December 4th**
- 4** Veterans Dinner Cancelled
- 5** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Crest Design/Lapel Pins

## Upcoming Branch Events

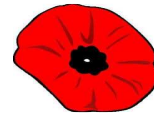
- **Branch Dance** – Sat 4 Dec – The Classics
- **Grey Cup Party – 12 Dec 2021**  
Watch for details on our Branch Website, Facebook and posters located inside the Branch.
- **New Year's Eve Party – Cancelled**  
Due to the late change in protocols announced by the Premier, we are unable to arrange meals for this event for December 31st. Our decision had to be made some weeks ago based on earlier known protocols, the Executive was forced to cancel this event. We look forward to putting together a great night next year

## Annual Veterans Dinner – Cancelled

Our Branch November 2021 Veterans Dinner is sadly cancelled again this year due to Covid protocols. **Before the Premier announced** the new protocol changes on Oct 25th, we were **allowed only 49 veterans/guests to be seated** in our downstairs banquet hall. Therefore, the Executive had decided that it would be unfair to determine who could attend and deny others from attending under those circumstances. **It is now too late to arrange meals and logistics for a Veterans Dinner.** We'll be sure to have one next year!



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## Bells Corners #593 Remembrance Week Lawn Signs Are Now Available

Purchase a Remembrance Day Lawn sign designed by members of your Bells Corners Branch Our price is \$20.00 (wire ground mount included. If you are unable to visit the Branch, let us know and we will deliver to you. Our sign has one side in English and one side in French.



**Other Ways To Purchase Your Remembrance Day lawn sign contact:**

**Purchase one at the bar;**

**OR**

**Call the Bells Corners Branch at 613 829 4609 and leave your name. We'll contact you!**

**OR**

**[Poppy-Campaign@legion593.com](mailto:Poppy-Campaign@legion593.com)**

## NEW – Prototype Poppy Tribute Box

Again, this year, The Royal Canadian Legion has partnered with HSBC Bank Canada to make it safe, secure, and easier than ever to donate and wear a poppy with touchless HSBC “Pay Tribute” tap-enabled donation boxes.

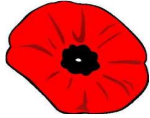
HSBC Bank Canada has distributed 1,000 newly designed Poppy Boxes across Canada that empower Canadians to make a **donation of \$2, \$5 or \$10 with a simple tap of a payment card** (credit or debit), or through a payment app on their mobile or wearable. The HSBC “Pay Tribute” donation boxes will be distributed nationally across Canada.

Our Bells Corners Branch was originally allotted 1 tap box, but thru Shawn’s efforts we have now received 6 more for a current total of 7.

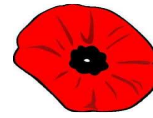
We will have tap boxes at these locations:

- NDHQ Carling Campus – Canex
- Canadian Tire – Bells Corners
- Bayshore Mall
- Costco – Hunt Club Rd - Store
- Algonquin College
- Movati Gym on Merivale Rd
- Bells Corners Branch – at the Bar





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## November 11, 2021 Remembrance Day Ceremony - UPDATE

The Nepean Community Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the Nepean Cenotaph is cancelled for this year.....however...

WE will instead have a small Remembrance Day Ceremony which will be held on the front lawn of our Branch as we did last year. Challenges with transporting our Veterans (no busses available), the logistics of set up, sanitizing of chairs & equipment etc, along with the distancing instructions demanded by Ottawa Health presented to many challenges to conduct a ceremony at the Nepean Community Cenotaph, Centrepont. Changes to Ontario Covid protocols on Monday 25 Oct did not allow enough time to change.

The Branch will be open, November 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 0900am, using the new Provincial & Ottawa Health protocols.

- **Our Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony will commence at 10:57am.** If you are attending, please be in a position by 10:45am.
- Food will be available, but will be served to a member & guest individually. There will be no pot-luck as in past years due to COVID rules
- The bar will be open to everyone once the ceremony and parade participants have had a chance to receive a beverage. This has been our Branch protocol for many years.
- We will be rededicating our Branch Cenotaph on November 11th

We intend to tape our ceremony, for those who will be unable to attend. This is so that we don't compete with the National Memorial Ceremony held downtown Ottawa held at the same time. Watch for update on our

## Branch Events - NEW - UPDATE

The Executive is happy to announce that the following Branch activities have resumed with the exception of our Friday night dances.

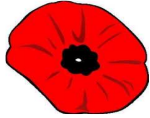
- **Euchre - Tuesday nights at 7pm** in the downstairs banquet hall has started again.
- **Darts - Each Wednesday 7pm.** There is a **Dart Drop-in each Saturday afternoon starting at 4pm.**
- **Pool League** – will resume on Thursday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch our Facebook and Website.
- **Friday Night Dinners - remain cancelled** until further notice. Our catering company is still planning a method to provide a safe buffet environment. **The caterer has advised prices will be increasing.**
- **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.

## Legion Face Masks

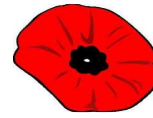
**SALE – SALE - SALE**  
**½ PRICE – \$5.00**

Bells Corners Branch has the awesome Legion Logo masks from Dominion Supply. The sizes are **Large and Small. Pick yours up at the Bar!**

**The cost of our mask is \$ 5.00 including taxes with the proceeds going toward the ongoing purchases of our COVID 19 supplies for the Branch.**



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## Membership 2022 News

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!



**Our Early Bird Membership  
Campaign Has Begun!!!**

**1 September to 30 November 2021**

**We have received our new membership cards  
and year stickers. Get yours today!**  
**Your 2022 Membership card or  
sticker is available at the Bar.**

2022 Early Bird Membership Price is \$50.00

After 30 November, 2021 - \$60.00

Purchase your Early Bird membership **NOW**  
and your name is entered into our draw  
held each month to December!

**Prize Each Month is \$50.00 Value**

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

October - LCBO Gift Card

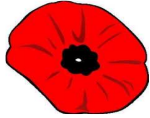
November - \$50.00 Visa Card

### **Don't Forget**

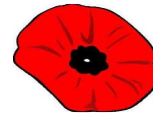
Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP Veterans and serving members are eligible **for a free, one-year Legion membership.** Contact our Membership Chairman for how to apply.

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





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

This is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary crest design

**NEW** - We anticipate the arrival of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pins very soon. Watch your Branch Website, Facebook and posters inside the Branch for news.



**Note:** Current Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command policy does not allow the Legion crest to be used in any crest designs.

## YES – LOOK A Real Dance!!!

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**The Classics will perform at Branch 593**

**Time – 1pm to 5pm**

**The Classics**



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

Visit our Branch Facebook page  
[Bells Corners Legion Branch 593](https://www.facebook.com/BellsCornersLegionBranch593)

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



## Branch Phone System – Good News!

Yes, you may have noticed our Branch phone system has been causing you and us a lot of trouble...we know. No one is more frustrated than our Office Manager, please be kind it is not her fault.

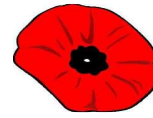
Basically, our current phone switching system has met its end. Although everyone expects instant repair or change, Legion policy on purchasing items and repair must be followed even in these times of COVID. An important thing to remember is that Bell and Rogers do not upgrade your business phone rewiring. Your business must find your own contractor to do this. Requesting quotes and phone package agreements to purchase does not happen as quickly as all of us might want or expect. Sadly, contractors do not rush to our building to give us quotes quickly. We wait in line possibly a week or more as every other business does. It's also important to note that we don't see contractors giving us any special treatment as maybe a Legion Branch once did.

**Good news is with the Executives approval we have hired a contractor.** They will be updating our building phone wiring system in the coming days and we will have our phones ready to use as quickly as we can, that's always been our goal. Then, with Roger's telecom assistance we will have all the necessary call forwarding, messaging, and event announcements etc you are accustomed to. We are a business, not a residence and that makes a difference in a phone system that requires more features.

Your Executive are just volunteers who try their very best at every challenge, but we are not employees. We invite you to become a member of the Executive, or a member of a Branch committee at any time to volunteer to assist in the operations of your Branch, as we are only a few trying our best to do our best.



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## Renew Your Membership Thru Dominion Command For 5yrs And Receive



### Offer Details

Every eligible individual who purchases a 5 years of membership, processed by Legion National Headquarters between October 13, 2021 and December 15, 2021 will receive one [Poppy toque](#), one [Poppy scarf](#), and one pair of adult [Poppy mitts](#).

One offer per eligible 5-year membership payment. The number of winter apparel packages offered through this promotion will depend on the number of eligible individuals who join or renew for 5 years. **The Legion Poppy winter apparel package is valued at \$49.85 CAD.** The offer of the Legion Winter Poppy Apparel package with 5 years membership purchase is not transferable, cannot be replaced by another product and has no cash value. Product offer is final – no returns or exchanges.

### Receipt of Offer

Members who qualify for the offer will receive their Legion Winter Poppy Apparel package at the address on file on their Legion member profile with Legion National Headquarters. **Packages will be shipped in January 2022.** Members are responsible for ensuring the address and contact information on file with Legion National Headquarters is accurate. **Applicants can pay online at [legion.ca/winter](http://legion.ca/winter) (links to [portal.legion.ca/join](http://portal.legion.ca/join)), or by calling Legion Member Services at 1-855-330-3344 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm EST).**

## Volunteers Needed At Your Branch

Over time and with life changes in various forms, some of our volunteers are now unable to continue in their current positions. Now more than ever, the Branch is in need of volunteers (new and old) 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**

**Chairperson**

**Public Relations/Newsletter**

**Bingo Coordinator**

**Bartenders**

### 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, we need your support now!

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

OR

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