



Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Newsletter



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Last Post

October

- Received no report.

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 Chaplin at 613-828-2314 or Chaplain@legion593.com

Please inform the Branch President at: President@legion593.com

Branch COVID Hours

NEWS - Update

We are currently under a Phase 2A lockdown. The Branch will remain closed until we re-enter Phase 3, expected Nov 7. We hope to reopen with our previous COVID hours at that time.

Sunday – Closed

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – 1 to 6pm

Thursday – 1 to 6pm

Friday – Noon to 8pm

Saturday – Noon to 6pm

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

COVID-19 – New Update

On October 9th, 2020 the Ontario government ordered all restaurants and Bars to cease providing indoor services. We also had to reduce the number of people allowed at a social gathering inside to 10 and outside to 25. This order is in effect until Friday, November 6th, 2020. We are hoping to reopen the Branch after that order has been lifted and the number of persons allow inside the Branch are increased. **Watch our Facebook, Website, and email for updates.**

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



2020 Poppy Campaign

This year’s poppy campaign will run from **Friday, October 30th, 2020 to Tuesday, November 10th, 2020**. The campaign will be very different this year due to the current situation with COVID-19.

We will need great volunteers this year to help us make this another successful campaign even with the Covid-19 challenge!!

As of October 18st, 2020, here is update on this year’s poppy campaign.

- Both of our Cadet Corps are unable to participate in this year campaign due to restrictions placed on them from their Headquarters.
- At the request of Algonquin College, we will not have a poppy table at Algonquin College this year but will have poppy boxes throughout Algonquin College campus.
- Due to space limits at Loblaws (Bells Corners) we will not have a poppy table there this year.



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NEW! - E-Transfer

The Branch is in the process of setting up the ability for us to use Bank e-transfers for payments to the Branch. **Please note we will only accept payments TO the Branch, and the Branch will NOT make any payments to anyone by e-transfer.**



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 1st to December 30th

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

Prizes Each Month

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

- **Costco** is allowing the Branches to have poppy tables at their stores this year again from November 1st to November 10th, 2020. We will be discussing with the local store manager about all safety protocols that Costco have in place.
- **Bayshore Mall** is willing to have a poppy table again this year. We have submitted a safety plan to Bayshore Mall management for their review.
- **Walmart (Bayshore mall)** is allowing poppies at their stores again this year. We are talking to our local store manager to see what their requirements are for poppies this year. We are still hoping to have a poppy table at the Bayshore Walmart.
- **Our Branch has been chosen to participate in a Dominion Command pilot project with “tap & go” poppy boxes.** We will be receiving 12 of the “tap & go” newly designed Legion Poppy Boxes that we will placed throughout our Branch Poppy area. **Look for them!!**
- **As of October 15th, 2020, we are approaching the different locations that we have poppy tables allowed this year to see if we could instead place a poppy display with the “tap & go” poppy boxes instead of having volunteer manning the poppy table. We are waiting to hear back from the different bushiness.**

Your Branch Desperately Needs Volunteers For Our Poppy Campaign!

NEW - Sadly we are not as yet, having enough volunteers identify themselves or sign up to assist us during this campaign. If you are able to help in any way, let us know.



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November 1st, 2020

– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for the LCBO

December 1st, 2020

- \$50.00 Master Card Gift Card

January 1st, 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.

Branch Poppy Routes (Supplying Poppies To Each Business)

All COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be followed and we will be providing any PPE required to keep you safe!

We are less than two weeks from the start of the 2020 Poppy Campaign and we still need at least 4 more people to cover the Poppy Routes below:

** Merivale Road (South of baseline to Fallowfield Road)
- (require at least 2 people)

** the CentrepoinTE Area (require at least 1 person)

** Hunt Club Road (from Merivale Road to Prince of Wales Road)
(requires at least 1 person)

** Colonnade Road Area (require at least 1 person)

** Antares Drive & Auriga Road Area (require at least 1 person)

Poppy Tables Shifts At The Following Locations

All COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be followed and your Branch will be providing any PPE required to keep you safe!

We require **two people per shift**. This will ensure the safety of all our volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the shorter the length of each shift will be. Please volunteer.

Currently shifts are a 4-hour time frame with a couple of odd shifts that will be different due to changing stores hours.



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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.

❖ E-Transfer – NEW!

- Coming soon.

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

Poppy Tables – Help Us With The Shifts At The Following Locations

** Costco (Hunt Club & Merivale Rd) - Table (November 1st to November 10th)

- Monday to Friday
 - 9 am to 1 pm
 - 1 pm to 5 pm
 - 5 pm to 9 pm
- Saturday and Sunday
 - 9 am to 1:30 pm
 - 1:30pm to 6 pm

** Bayshore Mall – Table (October 30th to November 10th)

- Monday to Saturday
 - 11 am to 3 pm
 - 3 pm to 7 pm
- Sundays
 - Noon to 5 pm

** Walmart (@ Bayshore Mall) - Table (October 30th to November 10th)

- Monday to Sunday
 - 9 am to 1 pm
 - 1 pm to 5 pm
 - 5 pm to 9 pm

**Note that these shift timings may change due to changes
in the current COVID-19 situation.**

**Please help us by volunteering during this challenging and
difficult year so we can continue to support our Veterans and
the organizations that support our Veterans.**

**If you can assist in any way with our Campaign, please
contact us as soon as possible:**

Call the Branch and leave your name – 613 829 4609

OR email

Poppy-Campaign@legion593.com



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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 8th, 2020 has been postponed until a future date;
- **Veterans and Seniors Christmas Party** planned for Wednesday, December 2nd, 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 now 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 result in the closure of the pool table immediately!

With COVID-19 restrictions turning us upside down this year, we want to try a new idea to raise funds for our Poppy Campaign and to ensure the safety of everyone.

NEW - Contactless Drive-Thru Poppy Pick Up

On October 31st, November 1st, November 7th, & November 8th, 2020 the Branch will be holding a contactless drive-thru at the Branch **from 10 am to 3 pm**. Swing by the Branch and get a poppy this year from the safety of your vehicle. **Cash, Debit and Credit will be accepted.** Yes, the Branch **now has "TAP"** for debit and credit cards. Yes, our **debit machine will work in the parking lot...we tested!**

NEW - Purchase a Remembrance Wreath

For Our Branch Cenotaph (NO ceremony at Centerpoint)

Purchase a wreath from us and be a part of the Bells Corners Branch, 2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony! Help us fill the area **around our Branch Cenotaph with your wreaths.** You and your family or business, can be part of this visual representation that honours all of Canada's Veterans.

Cost and info:

- ✓ One 20" diameter wreath with a "Lest We Forget" ribbon is \$100.00 plus tax.
- ✓ If you wish to have a personalized ribbon on your wreath it will be an extra cost of \$10.00 plus tax.
- ✓ All proceeds will go towards The Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 - Poppy Fund in support of Canada's Veterans and their families.
- ✓ **Deadline to order your wreath is October 31st, 2020**

Contact us to order :

Poppy-Campaign@legion593.com

OR

[Call the Bells Corners Branch at 613 829 4609](tel:6138294609)
and leave your name. We'll contact you!



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2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony

This year, our 2 Cadets Corps are not authorized to participate in our Poppy Campaign. Along with the restrictions placed on other groups involved in the organizing of our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at Centrepointe Drive, the Nepean service is cancelled for 2020.

This year our Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on the front lawn of the Branch where there will be only a small number of members, who with the color party will conduct this year's service.

We hope to “live stream” the service out to the membership thru our webcam system. More details on this once all the details are finalized.

Watch for the details coming very soon!!!

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

The Branch will be closed Wednesday, November 11th, 2020.

Your Executive proudly will ensure that we provide a Remember Day Ceremony to honor all our fallen Veterans, the servicing members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and their families.

Once your wreath is ordered, it will stay inside the Branch until Remembrance Day, when staff will pre-position it at our Branch Cenotaph just before our ceremony begins.

Your name will also be included on our Branch website that day unless you would like to remain anonymous.

Wreaths will be respectfully removed from the Branch Cenotaph the following day.

NEW – Bells Corners #593 **Remembrance Day Lawn Sign**

Purchase a Remembrance Day Lawn sign to display at your home for \$20.00. (wire frame 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.



To purchase your Remembrance Day lawn sign contact:

Poppy-Campaign@legion593.com

OR

**[Call the Bells Corners Branch at 613 829 4609](tel:6138294609)
and leave your name. We'll contact you!**

OR

[Pick one up at the Bar once we reopen](#)



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**Legion Face Masks
- SOLD OUT**

BUT – Great News!!!!

Bells Corners Legion has placed another order to obtain a quantity of masks which we will continue to offer to anyone. We anticipate delivery estimated to be **around 6 November**, just in time we hope to reopen. Watch for updates.

Wearing a non-medical mask has not been proven to protect the person wearing it. However, it may be helpful in protecting others around you by providing another way to prevent respiratory droplets from contaminating other people or surfaces.

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.

**Happy Halloween From Your
Branch Executive**



NEW - E-Transfer – your Poppy donation to our Branch Poppy Trust Fund account.



Bells Corners Branch 60th Anniversary

On May 3rd, 2021 your Branch will be celebrating its 60th 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.

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.

President@legion593.com

**P.O. Box 11187
Station H
Ottawa, Ontario
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Or Drop Your Photos off at the Branch