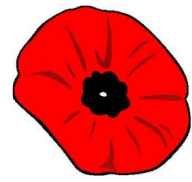




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Last Post

September

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

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

Whenever we are notified of a Legion Tribute or Celebration of Life, we will pass this information to all our members.

Branch COVID Phase 3 Hours

Sunday – Closed

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – 1 to 6 pm

Thursday – 1 to 6 pm

Friday - Noon to 8 pm

Saturday – Noon to 6 pm

The Executive will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to our hours as required.

COVID-19 - We're Doing OK

The Executive believes we have developed a plan to safely remain open following all the recommendations and guidelines set by the different levels of govt. Please be patient with us as it will still be awhile before the branch will be back to normal operations.

We have had a City of Ottawa Health By-law officer stop by to inspect us through out 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.

Please remember the following rules when you visit the Branch;

- **must wear a facemask at all time unless you are seated;**
- **must sign in at the bar upon entering the branch;**
- **tables are not allowed to be moved and you must respect the requirements of physical distance between them;**
- **the number of persons at your table is a maximum of 6 people; (City of Ottawa Health, and as of October 3rd, 2020 by the Ontario government)**
- **we require that all patrons vacant the bar before closing time. This a new restriction placed on establishment by the government as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19;**
- **Reminder from the health units to keep to your social bubble of 10 people to help slow the spread of COVID-19 among your friends and family;**
- **The Branch is limited to 50 people in the whole building at any one time;**
- **Note that we receive daily updates from the Ottawa Health unit on new restrictions and limits for establishments 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 currents restrictions. The fines start at \$750 for individuals and \$10,000 for business.**



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**2020 Legion Membership
Renewal News**

Early Bird Membership
\$50.00 per membership
September 1st to November 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

November 1st, 2020
– \$50.00 Gift Certificate for the LCBO

December 1st, 2020
- \$50.00 Master Card Gift Card

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

Get your membership now to win!



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 1st, 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's (Bells Corners) we will not have a poppy table there this year.
- 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 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 hoping to have a poppy table at the Bayshore Walmart this year.
- **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 poppy boxes that we will placed throughout our Branch Poppy area. Look for them!!**



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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.

❖ 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 mail address is:
P.O. Box 11187
Station 'H'
Ottawa, Ontario
K2H 7T9**

- **Reminder that we do not pass along any information to outside organizations.**

Phone Volunteers Required

We're looking for assistance to help us contact (phoning) the business on our poppy routes to verify if the business will be accepting poppies this year during our current challenge this year with Covid-19. This will help us with planning the routes for the volunteers. We will provide you a list of business that accepted poppy boxes last year to help you begin.

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!

** Merivale Road (South of baseline to Fallowfield Road)
- (require at least 3 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 we 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 stores hours.



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If you wish to also enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment it would help the Branch keep costs down.

Thank you to everyone who have renewed your 2020 Legion membership in September!!

Branch Secretary Required

Our Branch is seeking someone to be our Branch Secretary. The Branch Secretary attends all General, Special, and Executive Committee Meetings, and is the scribe, keeping a complete and accurate account of all Branch correspondence.

The Secretary receives and replies to all correspondence promptly and may answer questions from Zone, District, and possibly Provincial Command.

We are looking for a member to take on this key position. Please contact the President if you can help your Branch by taking this important role.

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 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
 - 1:30 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:

- Our Bartenders
- Phone The Branch – 613 829-4026

PoppyCampaign@legion593.com



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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.

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 in turn 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 stories to your local Legion Branch. We accept them year-round. **Do NOT drop them off or mail them to Provincial Command Offices.**

Visit our Branch website
www.legion593.com

Visit our Branch Facebook page
[Bells Corners Legion Branch 593](#)

Visit District G website
www.districtlegion.ca

This Month's Spotlight

The Success Of Our Past Poppy Campaigns



From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who sacrificed their lives. We invite everyone across the country to show their recognition by proudly wearing this symbol of Remembrance and taking a moment to reflect.

A big thank you to all the volunteers over the years that have assisted the Branch with our poppy campaign. **From 1989 to 2019 (a 30-year period) our poppy campaign has raised approximately \$2,400,000.00. WOW!!**

Below is a list of where the funds raised over the years from the Bells Corners Branch Poppy Campaign have been distributed:

Campaign Supplies (purchase Poppies, Wreaths, Poppy trays etc.)	\$490,000
Youth Ed – Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest	\$60.00
Bursaries – for the children, grandchildren & great grandchildren of our members.	\$190,000
Cadets Programs - financially supporting 2 Cadet Corps - 2332 Maj E.J.G Holland VC Royal Canadian Army Cadets (since 1983) and - 2870 E Squadron, The Royal Canadian Dragoons Army Cadet Corps (since 2003)	\$40,000



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History of the Poppy

Each November, Poppies bloom on the lapels and collars of millions of Canadians. The significance of the Poppy can be traced back to the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th century, over 110 years before being adopted in Canada. Records from that time indicate how thick Poppies grew over the graves of soldiers in the area of Flanders, France. Fields that had been barren before battle exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended. During the tremendous bombardments of the war, the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing the “*popaverrhoeas*” to thrive. When the war ended, the lime was quickly absorbed and the Poppy began to disappear again.

The person who first introduced the Poppy to Canada and the Commonwealth was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War. John McCrae penned the Poem “In Flanders Fields” on a scrap of paper in May, 1915 on the day following the death of a fellow soldier. Little did he know then that those 13 lines would become enshrined in the hearts and minds of all who would wear them. McCrae’s poem was published in *Punch Magazine* in December of that same year, and the poem later served as inspiration three years later for Moina Michael, an American teacher. Moina Michael made a pledge to always wear a Poppy as a sign of Remembrance.

During a visit to the United States in 1920, a French woman named Madame Guerin learned of the custom. Madame Guerin decided to make and sell poppies to raise money for children in war-torn areas of France.

The Great War Veteran’s Association in Canada (our predecessor) officially adopted the poppy as its Flower of Remembrance on July 5, 1921.

Veteran’s Care - including Christmas Gifts for area shut-in Veterans, and special assistances to our area Veterans throughout the year	\$575,000
Perley & Rideau Veterans Foundation	\$250,000
Leave the Street Behind – Homeless Veteran program (a new program working with many sponsors and Veterans Affairs Canada)	\$7,000
Veteran’s Adaptive Ski Program at Calabogie Peaks Resort (a new program thru Wounded Warrior)	\$7,000
Service Dogs for Veterans (a new program)	\$6,000
Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation – for the purchase of needed large item equipment or replacement of equipment. All equipment that is requested by QCH or Ottawa Heart Institute is first identified and approved by Ontario Command	\$240,000
University of Ottawa Heart Institute Foundation	\$100,000
Our Own Local Community Support Organizations Example - Nepean Support Services, and Old Forge Community Support	\$90,000
Branch Upgrades (Ramps, Handicap Doors, etc.)	\$35,000
Zone G5 Veteran’s Programs (Ottawa Perley& Rideau Veterans Health Centre) – Bells Corners members provide help with their Bingo & Pub nights)	\$125,000

What’s Been Happening At Your Branch



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Branch Executive Meetings And Postponed 2020 Branch Elections

Since the closure of the Branch in March, your Executive has been holding monthly meetings each and every month this year. We have utilized video conferencing (Zoom) and in July, when we were allowed to increase the number of people in the Branch. We now have a combination of in person and video conferencing meetings each month.

Legion Bylaws prevent us currently under COVID-19 status from holding any meetings where members could be denied access and therefore, prevented from participating. This explains the challenge for a General Meeting. At the time of this newsletter we are only allowed a total of 50 in our building.

Dominion Command has authorized each Branch Executive Committee to make the necessary decisions required on behalf of the Branch, until further notice. Therefore, our General meetings will remain on pause. Safety of our members is paramount.

COVID-19 has had a major impact on when we could hold our 2020 Branch Elections. As the Branch was closed in March, the decision from Dominion Command was that all Branch Elections were to be postponed to a later date. Later in August, we received a decision from Dominion and Ontario Command that Branch elections were now cancelled for 2020. This decision means that Bells Corners next election cycle will begin April 2021, if at that time the COVID-19 situation will allow us to hold election gatherings. This also means the current 2019-2020 Executive will be continuing in their current positions until the end of May 2021.

Note that Zone, District, Ontario Command and Dominion Command elections have also been postponed for a year.

Since Covid 19 Began In March

On March 17th, 2020 the Ontario Government ordered us closed. This prevented us from holding General Meetings with the membership, so here is update of what has happened at the Branch thru the spring and summer of 2020:

- Completed the maintenance (replace the felt, etc.) on both pool tables.
- The parking was cleaned. Thank you to Garry Gibbons at Jara Sweeping for donating their time to clean our parking
- Thank you to Brad Curtis and Eddy Ruspic for patching the remaining pot holes in our parking lot.
- Parking lot lines were repainted and we added **two extra handicap spots. So, we now have 6 handicap parking spots.**
- Replaced the sun done **NO Parking** signs and added several more, including notice of private property. We are now in the proper position to have illegally parked cars towed at the owner expense.
- We received feedback on our 2019-2020 New Horizon grant requesting to renovate the upstairs washroom to include much better handicap use. **Sadly, we were unsuccessful on this one.** This was due to the number of applications this year and amount of funds available. We have been reviewing all grants programs that have been introduced during the pandemic but sadly the majority of them we do not qualify for.
- Never to give up. we have now applied for the following grants and are awaiting their reply on the results of our applications:
 - o Reapplied for a New Horizon grant
 - o Accessibility Grant from the Federal Government for updating the upstairs men's washroom (handicap)
 - o Trillium Grants for COVID-19 relief
- Dominion and Ontario Command have returned the membership per capita for 2019 to the Branch as a way to assist us financially during the current situation. We received around \$6000 back.
- We have received all quotes to reconfigure our cracked front steps. However, the Executive Committee in September decided to defer this until spring 2021 before proceeding with the repairs. This decision was based on the current situation of revenue adjustment vs expenditures of the Branch during COVID-19.



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At the August and September Executive meetings, the following decisions regarding the fall season events were made:

- Grey Cup party is cancelled due the cancellation of the CFL 2020 season;
- 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.
- **As of September 30th, 2020, 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!**

- We are in the process of getting quotes to purchase touchless dispensers for all washrooms. (paper & soap)
- Purchased all the necessary PPE for the Branch reopening at the end of July.
- The branch has completed the financial review by District at the request of Ontario Command. The final report was presented to the executive in August.
- Repairs currently in progress are:
 - Repairs to bring 3 fire doors in the branch up to code
 - Trimming back of overhanging tree branch, to prevent potential damage to the roof.

If you have a concern on any of these projects or financial queries with your Branch. Due to Covid-19 protocols, with no General Membership meetings being held, contact the Branch President, or any member of the Executive.

2020 -2021 Branch Executive

Name	Position	Email
Shawn Taillon	President	President@legion593.com
Eddy Ruspic	1 st Vice President	1st-Vice@legion593.com
Ron Henderson	2 nd Vice President	2nd-Vice@legion593.com
Jake McDavid	3 rd Vice President	3rd-Vice@legion593.com
Vacant	Secretary	Secretary@legion593.com
Roger Pickell	Sergeant-At-Arms	Sergeant-At-Arms@legion593.com
Vacant	Treasurer	treasurer@legion593.com
Ted Bransfield	Branch Service Officer	VSO@legion593.com
Fred Quigg	Past President	

2020 Branch Committees



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2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony

The Branch Executive is currently reviewing all options to hold a ceremony in some way this November. We will adapt a ceremony in a way that ensures that this important day of reflection is not lost during these strange and difficult times. Once our plan is developed a little further, we will pass this information to the membership. Be assured we will organize something for this day.



Legion Face Masks - SOLD OUT

Bells Corners Legion will place another order to obtain a quantity of masks which we will continue to offer to anyone. Wow, sold out! Thank you to all who purchased a Legion mask! Keep in contact to know when we receive more.

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.

Vacant	Bar Officer	Bar-Officer@legion593.com
Vacant	Bursary	Bursary@legion593.com
Bob Macnichol	Branch Chaplin	Chaplain@legion593.com
Liz Schreader	Entertainment	Entertainment@legion593.com
Dave Treleaven	Grants & Assistances	Grants@legion593.com
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Volunteers Needed Now

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Bells Corners Legion 



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 the Legion.

Areas where the Branch needs immediate help are:

- **Volunteer Bartenders (only two bartenders currently)**
 - If we do not get some more volunteers for the bar, we will not be able to expand the branch hours or guarantee that the present hours will continue.
- **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:**

• Bar Officer	Poppy Campaign Chairperson
• Public Relations	Bursary
• Bingo Chairperson	Training & Development
• Youth Education	Leadership & Development

Hear Ye Hear Ye – We Need Your Help!

Volunteer Bartenders are urgently required at your Branch in order to keep the bar open and supply the same great service that you have come to enjoy.

Currently, we do not have enough volunteer bartenders!!

Wednesday – 1 to 6 pm

Thursday – 1 to 6 pm

Friday - Noon to 8 pm

Saturday – Noon to 6 pm

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

If you are interested, curious, or can offer some time, please contact me at: President@legion593.com