



We Support Our Troops
 May they Return Safe

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first message of the New Year and I wish to extend my greetings and best wishes to all members and their families for a healthy and fulfilling year.

The past year had its share of interesting infrastructure problems related to our well and other water related problems. Thankfully these are now behind us. Without strong membership participation we would not have had the necessary funds to complete these repairs without severely restricting our cash flow. I stressed during our 50th anniversary year that I hoped members would bring in new members and I set a goal of 1,000 to be a milestone for our anniversary. Unfortunately this did not happen but we are still holding our own with membership well above 600. However, I would ask that members still strive to increase our membership.

Speaking of membership – starting Feb 1, all members will be requested to show proof of their 2012 paid up membership, either with their new card or a receipt indicating they have paid their dues. Don't get upset with the bar staff when they ask for your proof of membership.

We had another successful Poppy Campaign with receipts of over \$80,000. A special thanks to all the members and businesses that supported our campaign. The money raised is much needed to take care of our Veterans' needs and to assist in purchasing medical equipments that will serve both our Veterans and the community in general. We will be making a presentation to the Heart Institute on March 4. Other donations will be made later in the year to the Queensway Carleton Hospital and other agencies which support our Veterans.

Our 1st Vice President, Joel Van Snick, serves in many capacities in the branch and the most important role is that of Operations Officer. Overall he oversees Housing, Bar, Entertainment, Ways and Means and Sports. Joel will be submitting his report in this newsletter and he has some interesting ideas especially with regards to Entertainment and Ways and Means. We need our members to attend these functions and provide input as to how they were received. I would ask that members try to support as many of these functions as possible. We are open to new ideas, so don't be shy about submitting them.

As this will be the last Bellringer before the end of May, I would like to remind members that our annual elections are held in April. There are many positions to fill and much work to do. It takes a strong team to make a branch strong. We have been fortunate for many years to have so many dedicated members to fill these positions but as with everything – we need new ideas and stronger backs. Please consider either placing your name for an executive position or be willing to serve on a committee.

Yours in comradeship,
 Bob Harkness, President

VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE

Since the last report, your committee has been busy as usual with pension applications and emergency assistance for Veterans living in our Branch Area. Your committee was also actively involved in the recent successful Poppy Campaign. Our thanks to all who were active participants .

Just before Remembrance Day, the Minister of Veterans Affairs announced the names of those individuals who had demonstrated outstanding assistance to Veterans. This year, Branch Service Officer Fred McAleer was awarded the Veterans Affairs Minister's Commendation in recognition of his outstanding work for Veterans. Well done Fred!

Your committee would like to express thanks to Comrade Dick Malott, our Seniors & Hospital Visiting Committee Chairman for his efforts on behalf of our Veterans. This past Christmas, his committee of volunteers delivered Christmas Comforts to over 620 Veterans/Spouses and Widows who are confined to Long Term Care Facilities, in Retirement Homes or were being cared for at home. He and his committee are to be commended for their efforts in this undertaking.

Certificates of Service Card NDI 75. This card is issued on retirement from the Forces to personnel with 10 years or more service or entitled to an annuity. For information call (613) 996-7901 or (613) 992-1228.

Service Pin Replacements.

Some of the older Service Pins were of poor quality. To obtain replacements call 1-800-467-9877 for details.

Westjet recently announced a travel benefit for Veterans. A veteran will be allowed to check a second piece of luggage (maximum 50 pounds) free of charge when they produce a Certificate of Service Card NDI 75.

Anyone with questions regarding pensions or other assistance should contact Len Grummett 613-820-3018 or

Fred McAleer (613) 723-1055

Attention Korean War Veterans

If you are a veteran of the Korean War, or know someone who is, and would like to receive the US Department of Defense Commemorative Certificate, please contact committee member Guy Black by mail at 944 Dundonald Drive, Port Moody, BC, V3H 1B7; or by e-mail at korea19501953@yahoo.com. Provide your given name and surname, rank, unit or branch of service, the dates you served in Korea, and your mailing address.

SPORTS**Thursday Night Pool League**

Happy New Year to all, I would like to mention that our Thursday night Pool League is doing well with an average of 14 to 16 players most nights. We just finished the first part of the Season before Christmas ending it with a Pizza & Wing night as well as cash prizes for the top four teams.

We have just begun the second part of the season and hoping to find some new players, **men and women** to join us, so come on out Ladies we would like to have you join us. You don't have to be a great player, we have new players now who are enjoying the game, so come out and have some fun on Thursday Nights. Play starts at 7pm and costs \$3.00, come a little earlier to register.

Comrade Larry Boytel

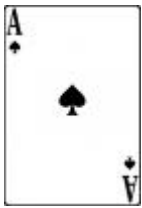
NEW SPORTS OFFICER

A big welcome to Rose Graves, our new Branch Sports Officer.

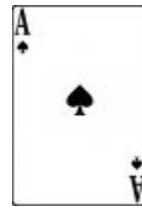
MEMBERSHIP

Hi members this is a reminder the Early Bird campaign is over the end of January 2012, the membership will then be \$55.00.

Membership-Chair Maureen Nicholls

WAYS AND MEANS

COMING SOON – FIND THE ACE OF SPADES!



OPERATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

I trust that all have had a great Holiday season and that Santa Claus has found each and everyone of you. My committee and I would like to wish you all the Best for 2012. I would like to begin by asking everyone the definition of a Comrade.....Well the answer is become a Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, and a good Comrade should possess these qualities.

Accepts you as you are;
Believes in "you";
Calls you just to say HI;
Doesn't give up on you;
Envisions the whole of you;
Forgives your mistakes;
Gives unconditionally;
Helps you;
Invites you over;
Just be with you;
Keeps you close at heart;
Loves you for who you are;
Makes a difference in your life;
Never judges;
Offers support;
Picks you up;
Quiets your fears;
Raises your spirits;
Says nice things about you;
Tells you the truth when you need to hear it;
Understands you;
Values you;
Walks beside you;
X explains things you don't understand;
Yells when you won't listen and
Zaps you back to reality.

A true Comrade tries to practice being a giver of these things to anyone especially those in needs. If you possess these qualities lets see if we can make 2012 a year where we re-confirm our OATH to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Please make sure you check out our Entertainment schedule as we will be having fun at the Branch as we begin the 2012 season with a BANG. You will see January with our usual activities with Friday Dinners and Dance, this will be followed by Super Bowl Sunday, There will be prizes and food so please come and watch the game on our big screen TV and share a pint with friends. This will be followed by a Valentines evening of Dancing and Wine Tasting, Tickets are limited so buy them early. Please see your Calendar for more info.

Comrade Joel 1st Vic

YOUTH PROGRAM

Below are the lists of winners for the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest from the levels (branch, Zone G5, and District G)

2011 Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593 Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest Winners

Placing	Name	School Information	Branch/Zone/District/Provincial
Senior Essay			
1	Joel Vedder	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Dale Mulligan	Bell High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Alison Griffith	Bell High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Intermediate Essay			
1	Emmy Li	W. Erskine Johnston	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Karine Habboub	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Raadiya Malam	W. Erskine Johnston	593/G5/G/Ontario
Junior Essay			
1	Areeb Haq	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Maggie Klein	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Victoria Forster	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario

Placing	Name	School Information	Branch/Zone/District/Provincial
Senior Poems			
1	Lanea Pol	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Christine Klemes	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Iain Sanderson	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Intermediate Poems			
1	Antonio Tittarelli	Frank Ryan Catholic Senior Elementary School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Sabrina Kurtz	Frank Ryan Catholic Senior Elementary School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Johara Ahmed Mohamed Omar	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Junior Poems			
1	Lia Kylene Mason	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Amelia Nielsen	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Samantha Lin	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario

Placing	Name	School Information	Branch/Zone/District/Provincial
Senior Black & White Posters			
1	Eric Chi	Lisgar Collegiate Institute	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	No Entry received		593/G5/G/Ontario
3	No Entry received		
Intermediate Black & White Posters			
1	Anna Reepschlager	Bell High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Alex Mihallov	Greenbank Middle School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Michael Krkic	Greenbank Middle School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Junior Black & White Posters			
1	Bill Liu	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Samuel Aikins	Holy Redeemer Catholic School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Emika Catherine Morris	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Primary Black & White Posters			
1	Leah Zeibdawi	Leslie Park Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	No Entry received		
3	No Entry received		

Placing	Name	School Information	Branch/Zone/District/Provincial
Senior Colour Posters			
1	Emily VanVeen	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Madison Schyff	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Joseph John Ferri	Redeemer Christian High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Intermediate Colour Posters			
1	Engelena Laycona-Tanglao	D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Yolanda Chow	Greenbank Middle School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Kim Bartnik	Sir Robert Borden High School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Junior Colour Posters			
1	Sofia Baggio	Holy Redeemer Catholic School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Carlyn Wang	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Andrew J. Clark Alfaro	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
Primary Colour Posters			
1	Connor Froh	Leslie Park Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Kayla Kenzie	Leslie Park Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Bhavnoor Maloka	Leslie Park Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario

Junior Black & White Posters			
1	Bill Liu	Knoxdale Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario
2	Jie Lin	Goulbourn Middle School	618/G5/G/Ontario
3	Charlotte Catherine Cain	Ecole elemenaire publique Francojeunesse	595/G5/G/Ontario
Primary Black & White Posters			
1	Nathan Lacroix	St. Luke Catholic School	641/G5/G/Ontario
2	Abigail Palmer	Woodroffe Avenue Public School	480/G5/G/Ontario
3	Leah Zeibdawi	Leslie Park Public School	593/G5/G/Ontario

Placing	Name	School Information	Branch/Zone/District/Provincial
Senior Colour Posters			
1	Julia Picard	Sacred Heart Catholic High School	618/G5/G/Ontario
2	Bronte Victoria Waldock	St. Pius X High School	595/G5/G/Ontario
3	Dmitri Belitsky	Gloucester High School	462/G5/G/Ontario
Intermediate Colour Posters			
1	Jessica Bernadette Mendoza	Mother Teresa High School	641/G5/G/Ontario
2	Noemie Osborne	Saint Clement Academy	595/G5/G/Ontario
3	Michaela Clarrmont	Notre Dame High School	480/G5/G/Ontario
Junior Colour Posters			
1	Claire Frances Gurr Dymnt	Ecole elemenaire publique Francojeunesse	595/G5/G/Ontario
2	Sofia Baggio	Holy Redeemer	593/G5/G/Ontario
3	Emma Crisante	Henry Munro Middle School	632/G5/G/Ontario
Primary Colour Posters			
1	Selena Quang	Adrienne Clarkson E	641/G5/G/Ontario
2	Olivia Chouinard	Guardian Angels Catholic School	618/G5/G/Ontario
3	Chloe Somerville	Rockcliffe Park Public School	462/G5/G/Ontario

2011 Royal Canadian Legion District G Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest Winners

Placing	Name	Branch	Zone
Senior Essay			
1	Kimberley-Ann Meijer	Stittsville Br#618	G5
2	Hilary Stafford	Renfrew Br#148	G7
3	Christelle Tan	Kanata Br#638	G6
Intermediate Essay			
1	Jack Moulton	South Carleton Br#314	G3
2	Julia Enright	Arnprior Br#174	G6
3	Chloe Burrell	Amherstview Br#631	G1
Junior Essay			
1	Jenevieve Terpstra	Carleton Place Br#192	G6
2	Benjamin Reid	Renfrew Br#148	G7
3	Hassan Badreddine	Westboro Br#480	G5

Placing	Name	Branch	Zone
Senior Poems			
1	Laura Barr	Perth Br#244	G6
2	Lanea Pol	Bells Corners Br#593	G5
3	Heather Anne Harnden	Napanee Br#137	G1
Intermediate Poems			
1	Meghan Hubbard	Kemptville Br#212	G3
2	Jill Barr	Cobden Br#550	G7
3	Grace Huizinga	Kingston Br#560	G1
Junior Poems			
1	Kathleen Barr	Cobden Br#550	G7
2	Scarlett Poole	West Carleton Br616	G6
3	Taylor R Jacques	Prescott Br#97	G3

Placing	Name	Branch	Zone
Senior Black & White Posters			
1	Christopher Young	Cornwall Br#297	G4
2	Eric Chi	Bells Corners Br#593	G5
3	Marissa Nicole Dwight	Amherstview Br#631	G1
Intermediate Black & White Posters			
1	Cassidy Lynn Wilson	Northbrook Br#328	G1
2	Marianne Couture	Deep River Br#436	G7
3	Laila Chandler	West Carleton Br#616	G6
Junior Black & White Posters			
1	Keegan Car	Perth Br#244	G6
2	Bill Liu	Bells Corners Br#593	G5
3	Nolan Parker Hutcheson	Gananoque Br#92	G2
Primary Black & White Posters			
1	Lacey Lynn Clark	Sydenham Br#496	G1
2	Siobhan Atkins	West Carleton Br#616	G6
3	Garrett Eady	Renfrew Br#148	G7

Placing	Name	Branch	Zone
Senior Colour Posters			
1	Emma Maloney	Sharbot Lake Br#425	G1
2	Megan Hazen	Renfrew Br#148	G7
3	Julia Picard	Stittsville Br#618	G5
Intermediate Colour Posters			
1	Mathew Desjardins	Arnprior Br#174	G6
2	Brooke Cassidy	Toledo Br#475	G2
3	Natalie Reynolds	Sharbot Lake Br#425	G1
Junior Colour Posters			
1	Quynne Elna Merrill	Deep River Br#436	G7
2	Blythe Dujardin	Kingston Br#560	G1
3	Lacey Hambleton	Alexandria Br#423	G4
Primary Colour Posters			
1	Selena Quang	Barrhaven Br#641	G5
2	Kiannah Barr	Eganville Br#353	G7
3	Leigha Blackwell	Northbrook Br#328	G1



Royal Canadian Legion Zone G5 Public Speaking Contest

Saturday, March 03, 2012

at

**Royal Canadian Legion Orleans Branch 632
800 Taylor Creek Drive (Orleans)
Ottawa, Ontario**



Open to all Student attending schools in the City of Ottawa, with the following exceptions as the following areas are outside of our Zone area.

1. Schools in the former City of Kanata – please contact the Royal Canadian Legion Kanata Branch 638 for the date of their public speaking contest
2. Schools in the former Township of West Carleton – please contact the Royal Canadian Legion West Carleton Branch 616 for the date of their public speaking contest
3. Schools in the former Township of Osgoode – please contact the Royal Canadian Legion Osgoode Branch 589 for the date of their public speaking contest
4. Schools in the former Township of Greely – please contact the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627 for the date of their public speaking contest

The Public Speaking Contest is divided into two parts:

Part one is for Grades 1 to 6 and check in time at the above noted branch is at 8:00 am with the public speaking contest starting at 8:30 am sharp.

Part two is for Grade 7 to 12 and check in time at the above noted branch is schedule for 12:30 pm with the public speaking contest starting around 1:00 pm.

The topic for their speech is open for students and speeches can be in either French or English

Due to limited time we are required to limit the number of entries as follows: Grades 1 to 6 – 30 entries and Grades 9 to 12 – 30 entries. Registration forms will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and are to be sent to me by e-mail or by fax as indicated below.

On March the 3rd, registration for Grades 1 to 6 starts at 8:00 am and Grades 7 to 12 starts at 12:30 pm at the above noted address. Please note that we will make every effort to ensure that all students that wish to participate will be able to speak. Therefore it is important to sign up as soon as possible so we can adjust the time line for the day's events.

For more information on the contest click on www.rcl-zoneg5.ca and under Youth Education

Comrade Shawn Taillon

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G5 Youth Education Officer

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Bells Corners Branch 593

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**Royal Canadian Legion
Bells Corners Branch 593
Bursary Assistance Program**

**Up To
\$1000.00 Bursary
is available**

**From
Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593
Poppy Trust Fund**

Eligibility: (must meet one of the below requirements)

- (1.) Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 593 in good standing and their children and grandchildren
- (2.) Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 593 in good standing and their children and grandchildren.
- (3.) Any person who is serving or who has honourably served in the Armed Forces of Canada, and whose primary residence's is in the old city limits of Nepean excluding Barrhaven.

Applications: Application forms are available from the following:
a) The Royal Canadian Legion Bells Corners Branch 593.
b) Branch Web Site – www.legion593.ca

Deadlines: Application Deadlines are as follows:
a) For the Fall Semester is July 31st, 2012.
b) For the Winter Semester is Oct 31st, 2012
Only application per school year (Sept to May)

Applications available on March 1st 2012

BIRTHDAY BASH

This event takes place on the following dates:

Sunday January 15, 2012 = January & February 2012 birthdays
 Sunday March 18, 2012 = March & April 2012 birthdays
 Sunday May 20, 2012 = May & June 2012 birthdays
 Sunday July 15, 2012 = July & August 2012 birthdays
 Sunday September 16, 2012 = September & October 2012 birthdays
 Sunday November 18, 2012 = November & December 2012 birthdays



It is a celebration for members with their birthday in the current or following month. It is held on the 3rd Sunday, every other month from 2-4pm. A schedule is posted on the branch bulletin board. We would like to thank all the members who have given of their time, supplied birthday cards, and birthday gifts. We hope that we may have your continued support. We are always looking for more gifts to give out at these events. The gifts can be brought to the bash or left at the bar anytime.

Birthday Bash Hostess: Sue Jannack

Barbeque

Why don't you join us any Friday and/or Saturday noon till 2 pm for a delicious hamburger or hot dog that is cooked to your liking on our barbeque and served piping hot. Reasonably priced at \$3.00 (hamburger) and \$2:50 (hot dog).

Fresh condiments are available to personalize your burger or dog and orders can be placed at the bar.



Bottle Drive

If you have any bottles you wish to donate please drop them off at the Legion in the back parking lot at the Trailer. We are looking for Liquor, Wine, Beer bottles & wine bladders, etc.



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<i>2010-2011 Executive Branch Officers</i>	
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Past President	Maureen Nicholls
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3rd Vice President	
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Cadets 2332	Shawn Taillon
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Poppy	Joel Van Snick
Poppy Trust	Shawn Taillon
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Training and Organizational Development	Glenn Guertin
Veterans Services	Len Grummett & Fred McAleer
Ways and Means	Ed Ruspic
<i>Other</i>	
Branch Administrator	Sue Belliveau
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Birthday Bash Hostess	Sue Jannack

January 2012		
Jan-01	NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE	
Jan-06	WRD	Turkey
Jan-13	Knott Brothers	Roast Beef
Jan-14	Karaoke 8pm-1am	
Jan-20	Ninth Line	Roast Pork
Jan-27	Dusty King Jr.	Ham
February 2012		
Feb-03	Howard Delnick	Roast Turkey
Feb-05	SUPERBOWL PARTY	
Feb-10	Terry McCann	Roast Beef
Feb-11	VALENTINE Wine Tasting & Dance w/Jimmy Leroux	
Feb-17	Whiskey Mike	Roast Chicken
Feb-24	Caper Country	Roast Pork

March 2012		
Mar-02	Assembly Required	Ham
Mar-09	The Country Drifters	Roast Turkey
Mar-16	Jumpin Jimmy Leroux	Roast Beef
Mar-17	St Patrick's Day Terry McCann 1-4 5-10pm	Irish Stew
Mar-23	Howard Delnick	Roast Chicken
Mar-30	Dusty King Jr.	Roast Pork
Mar-31	Karaoke 8pm-1am	
April 2012		
Apr-05	GOOD FRIDAY Al Visser	Fish
Apr-13	Ninth Line	Roast Turkey
Apr-20	Country Reflections	Roast Beef
Apr-27	Knott Brothers	Roast Chicken
Apr-28	Karaoke 8pm-1am	

Bells Corners Branch 593 Hall Rentals

Please contact Sue at 613-829-4609 ext #3 for rates



This Space is waiting for YOU!

SIZE	FEE
Business card	\$10.00
Quarter page	\$15.00
Half page	\$25.00
Full page	\$40.00

Meetings

Executive 2nd Monday of each month

General 3rd Monday of each month excluding July & August

LEST WE FORGET



Last Post

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