

# The Advance

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 641 Barrhaven



Vimy Memorial Bridge  
Photo credit to The Wright Team

Volume 18  
Issue 4  
September 2022



Ed Schelenz

## The President's Message

Comrades:

Thank you to Dave Sereda for stepping up to take on acting President during my absence and for organizing another great annual golf tournament.

Our Long Range Planning Committee, led by our chair Stephane Guy, is still in talks with Phoenix Homes on acquiring land for a new clubhouse.

Our Poppy Campaign will be getting under way on Friday, October 28. Please come out and support this great cause. Available poppy shifts will be posted on the notice board so please put your name down to take a shift – or two!

Please consider volunteering at our branch. Many of our volunteers have been with us for many years but we can always use more help. Volunteers truly make our branch work.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Enjoy your Legion. Keep volunteering.

Ed Schelenz, CD  
President RCL Br. 641 Barrhaven  
613-415-2708  
edschelenz@rogers.com  
**"Volunteers make it work"**

### In this edition . . .

- Page 1 – The President's Message
- Page 2 – Last Post and Highlights of Executive Meeting Reports
- Page 8 – Presentation to the Perley Health Foundation
- Page 9 – Legion Lawn Signs and Welcome to the Rookie
- Page 10 – Legion Memorial Bricks and How to Reserve for Dinners
- Page 11 – 2022/23 Executive Team and Bingoland
- Page 12 – The Poppy Campaign and Notes from the Editor

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>



# **Last Post** **We Will Remember Them**

## **John Christian Eggenberger, (1933 - 2022)**

Born to James and Martha Eggenberger in northern Alberta on November 16, 1933, a birthday he shared with his younger sister Anne, he had a long and happy life and in his later years he often expressed surprise at all the things he had done. From wildcatting on oil rigs to flying with 445 Squadron in Europe with the Royal Canadian Air Force to his return to school where he received his PhD, he had a career and life he would never have dreamed of on those cold mornings in Alberta.

An unassuming man, more comfortable wearing cowboy boots than wearing a suit, John was very proud of his family. He married another northern Alberta ex-patriot and the love of his life, Mary, in 1958 in British Columbia. John was predeceased by his son James and is survived by his wife Mary, sister Anne and children Anna (Andy), David, Michael (Bonnie) and Kathleen, as well as 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Our sincere condolences to John's family.

## **Executive Meeting Reports for September**

### **Membership**

Our membership currently stands at 648. We had 629 members at the end of 2021

New Members – 6                  Transfer in – 2                  Deceased – 1

The 85 and older Veterans' memberships have been paid. The cost for 37 members was \$1,290.19.

A dozen stickers were put in the mail for those members who aren't as mobile as they used to be. The remainder are at the bar. Stickers for members who have pre-paid for 2023 and beyond are at the bar.

Reminder: for those on auto-renewal, your sticker won't be put out until Dominion Command processes your payment via your credit card. That normally doesn't happen until November.

Everyone who renews during the Earlybird period (September-November) will be in the draws for one of three, one-year renewals.

---

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>



The Legion's 50-year medal was presented to Doug Brunton in recognition of 50 consecutive years as a member in good standing. Congratulations Doug.

David St Amand, Membership Chair

### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

The summer months are typically without many activities that would involve our Colour Party. However, we recently participated in the Legion Tribute for Comrade Merv Kennedy and would like to thank Terry Claessen, Caroline Boily, Paul Leadston and Ross Stephens for having stepped forward for this important ceremony.



We were recently made aware that Comrade Myrna Hay passed away in May, and that the funeral had already occurred and therefore our Colour Party was not able to participate and missed out on honouring one of our members through a Legion Tribute. We are still looking for volunteers as our number is suitable but with the addition of few members, it would provide a much-needed flexibility when our participation is requested.

Stephane Guy, Sergeant at Arms

### **Veterans' Service Officer's Report**

Assisted a Veteran with completing application for VIP program. Helped guiding contact with Champlain Lynn to provide immediate assistance while waiting for claim to be approved.

Met with Veteran's spouse to discuss next steps for a claim that was not approved. Continue to assist Veteran to get him in a long-term care home.

Provided weekly support to a spouse for grocery shopping, banking etc.

Attended a lunch and meet (virtual meeting) of the women outreach program. This was organized by Respect Forum. The goal is to provide assistance and support to women in uniform. The session was in French and an English lunch and meet will be held in September. Further details on accessing this program will be sent to ordinary members at a later date.

Efforts to reach out to Veterans who may be in need of some assistance has been difficult. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Amazon has a program called Amazon for Veterans. I have been working with Amazon for some time to get the Legion on their list of organizations to donate returned merchandise. Amazon will collect merchandise that the Legion can use to donate as prizes for different events such as golf tournament, darts end of year dinner, Friday night dinners etc. The one stipulation is that we

cannot sell any tickets for the merchandise. They will also provide volunteers from their staff if we are in need of any. The items donated can be used for the community at large and not just for Legion members. I have been relentless in trying to get prizes for the darts end of year dinner and the golf tournament. Since the opening of the Barrhaven location was delayed, they have not been able to help us. I recently contacted them to see if they had a Bunn coffee maker for hospitality. Since they did not have one and they were not set up to help with the golf tournament, they will be making a \$500 donation to the Legion so we can buy a Bunn coffee maker for hospitality. The Amazon warehouse in Barrhaven will open next week. It may take a couple of months before they have any items for us to donate.

Hospitality needs a number of volunteers to help with the November 11 reception at Walter Baker. Amazon has agreed to participate in having employees volunteer for this event. Amazon will also help Veterans (retired military) with employment to transition from military to civilian life.

Lorette Ellis, Veterans Service Officer

## **Poppy Chair Report**

This year's Poppy Campaign is from Friday, October 28 until November 10, 2022.

The second Poppy Campaign Committee meeting was held on August 31, 2022. Poppy distribution, Veterans Dinner, Remembrance Day Parade and reception were discussed.

Planning is coming along well. All but a few positions need a "backup" person to learn and cover the roles. I will be asking for a branch-wide call for more volunteers to join the committee. I will aim to hold the next Poppy Committee Meeting at the end of September. All main stores have committed they will welcome us back again this year – Costco, Farmboy, Independent, Loblaws, Metro and Walmart. The trap lines are being confirmed and the locations will be contacted throughout the month.

Tap Boxes: I received an email from the National Poppy Campaign that notified us our request for tap boxes has been modified and we will receive 12 tap boxes instead of the 20 previously requested.

From the Poppy Manual: "The annual Poppy Campaign is not an administrative chore to be handled by a few branch officers or the secretary. The campaign is the most important branch project of the year and it must be conducted by a committee dedicated to this purpose."

Please participate.

Lyle Brennan, Poppy Campaign Chair



## Youth Education & Bursary Report

Bursaries: The bursary application process opened on September 1, 2022 as advertised on the branch website and applications will be accepted until October 31, 2022

The branch website has been updated to reflect the latest info.

Contests: We have received information from Ontario Command about the upcoming Youth Ed Contests. The website has been updated and teacher information packages for the poster, literary, public speaking contest will be emailed to all Barrhaven area schools within the month of September. The video contest at the zone level is TBA. The local poster and literary contest close November 15, 2022 and category winners must be submitted to the Zone level date TBA in December 21.

I will book the branch hall for the morning of November 20, 2022 to perform poster and literary contest judging. A request to volunteers to assist with judging will go out in closer to the event.

I will book Valour Hall for the poster and literary contest award ceremony to take place on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Questions may be directed to the Youth Ed chair.

Lyle Brennan, Youth Education and Bursary Chair

## Bar Report

The bar is running fine. We have a new bartender in training who is working out well. He has picked up on the duties quickly!!! We are still looking for more bartenders.

We are no longer selling Guinness on tap but will continue to sell it in cans. We will be looking at a new product to fill that tap.

Recently we added Michelob Ultra Light to our draft line-up. It has started slowly but is gaining followers. I have heard people who have tried and liked it. We have set up promotion on this product for the month of September to create awareness.

We are a little behind on making up the new pricing sheets on beverages after the price increase along with other bar products. it is being updated over the next week or so. We will continue to sell four to six different craft beers in cans moving forward that list will be made available to our members.

Dave Sereda, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Bar Officer

## Hospitality Report

Hospitality is doing well the last few months. Good numbers at almost every meal or event.

I am in contact with the person in charge of the Seniors Newsletter and he is advertising our events at the branch.

**Hospitality is recruiting new volunteers. If you have a few hours a week, or a month and you don't mind hard work and long shifts, come and join a wonderful bunch of volunteers. If you are interested, call or email me: 613-797-7029 or [rcl641hospitality@hotmail.com](mailto:rcl641hospitality@hotmail.com)**

Meals For October:

- Sunday, October 2, 2022 Legion High Tea
- Friday, October 7, 2022 Salmon or Chicken -- Albert & The Collection
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Barrhaven Legion Open Mic
- Friday, October 14 Meal: TBD -- Nostalgia
- Friday, October 21, 2022 Roast Beef -- Snap, Crackle & Pop
- Wednesday, October 26, 2022 Lunch Noon to 2 p.m. Barrhaven Legion Open Mic
- Friday, October 28, 2022 Steak -- The RockPhiles

November 26, 2022 will be the Market. If you know anyone who wants to rent a table, send me an email and I will send all the paperwork. Table \$50.00 + electric \$10.00 extra.

Angele Guy, Hospitality Chair

## Honours And Awards Report

Comrades, I would like to impress on you to take a serious look at your volunteers and members and evaluate if an award would be suitable to recognize their efforts.

Just for your information, we have not recently given a Branch Medal which points to the fact that we may be too harsh in evaluating who deserves such an award. This is something that is typical, and we must avoid becoming complacent. The goal is to properly recognize our members which is our duty as leaders and to ensure they receive what they deserve.

Please consider the following awards and which one would be most suitable:

- Certificate of Appreciation
- Certificate of Merit Branch Service Medal
- Life Membership
- Meritorious Service Awards (MSA)
- Meritorious Serve Medal (MSM)

All of these awards are very well described in Chapter 2 of the Ritual, Awards and Protocol

---

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>



Manual. If you have nominees, please let me know and I can guide you through the nomination process.

Stephane Guy, Honors and Awards Chair

### **Long Range Planning Report**

The plan for our new clubhouse has not been forgotten but the activities related to this important initiative have been reduced pending the decision of the exact location where our new clubhouse would be built. According to Phoenix Homes, this decision could be as early as the end of September.

We were also made aware that the construction of the condo building that we purchased has been delayed by at least one month. This will most likely delay the delivery of the condos and when the profit of the sale of the condos will be made. More to follow on this issue.

Stéphane Guy, Long Range Planning Chair

### **Community Liaison Report**

Our 16th annual golf tournament was a great day. Our volunteers of the day again did such a great job as usual. Many players commented that this tournament is always run well. I would like to thank Linda Laframboise and her team: Cathy Pearen, Nancy Rule, Dave Schneider, Marcy Craig, Barry Holman, Joyce Barr and Cindy Halden. Most of these members have been doing this for many years and are very professional.

We received two donations totalling close to \$800:

- The bartenders donated their tips from the day. Thank you to Diane Craig, Lorna McIsaac, Gerry Langevin and Lyle Brennan.
- The golfers made donations which were collected by Shawn Macdonald,

A brick for the Memorial Wall has been prepared and added to acknowledge these generous donations.

Together with these donations and the golf sponsorships, we raised over \$ 9,300. It was great team effort. I would like to have this go to the Land and Building fund.

We are always on the lookout for anyone interested in taking over this important fundraiser.

Dave Sereda, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Bar Officer

## Ways and Means Report

I met with Stephane and Angele Guy to discuss the transition of responsibility for the merchandise being sold during poppy campaign. I will provide Lyle and the captains with a plan on how to distribute and replenish merchandise in the stores. After the plan has been sent, I will meet with Lyle and the captains to revise and finalize the plan.

I had a conversation with the City of Ottawa regarding a license for Catch the Ace. Due to COVID and the closing of the branch, we have had to reapply for the license. I have received the forms to be completed and will do so in the next couple of weeks.

Lorette Ellis, Ways and Means Chair

## Presentation to the Perley Health Foundation

At the September 20, 2022 General Meeting, President Ed Schelenz presented Delphine Hasle, Executive Director, Perley Health Foundation, with a cheque for \$20,000. This donation was made possible thanks to the generous community donations during the 2021 Poppy Campaign.



---

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>





## “We Will Remember Them” Lawn Sign



Having an official lawn sign is fantastic and respectful way to display a message of Remembrance for all to see. The 16" x 24" sign is made from coroplast (recyclable) so it can withstand the often-unpredictable fall weather, from hot sunny days to cold snowy nights. The sign comes with a 30" metal stake, and after assembly and installation the sign should sit approximately 15" above the ground.

\$19.95

## Welcome to “The Rookie!”



Welcome to our newest bartender, Mike McLinton, who proudly sports his name badge, “The Rookie!”

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>



## **Barrhaven Legion Memorial Bricks**

If you would like to be a part of the past, present and the future of the Barrhaven Legion, purchase a Memorial Brick. Your brick will be engraved with your name and it will be mounted on our Memorial Wall in Valour Hall.

Bricks are available in three denominations:

**Copper \$250**

**Silver \$500**

**Gold \$1,000**

Purchasing a Memorial Brick is also a great way to honour a family member or friend. For more information, please contact

Debi Sereda - [debi.foxhill@gmail.com](mailto:debi.foxhill@gmail.com)

### **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS & SPECIAL EVENTS RESERVATIONS**

**Barrhaven Legion Branch 641**  
**Reservations functions (Friday Night meals)**  
**Dinner served from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**\$25.00 Members**  
**\$30.00 Non-Members**

**For reservation, please contact**  
**Angele Guy: 613-797-7029**  
**OR**  
**By Email: [br641reservation@gmail.com](mailto:br641reservation@gmail.com)**  
**by Thursday 3:00 p.m.**


Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>




## 2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair
<b>President</b>	Ed Schelenz	<b>Honours and Awards</b>	Stephane Guy
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Stephane Guy	<b>Hospitality/Entertainment</b>	Angele Guy
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Dave Sereda	<b>Housing</b>	Jim Duff
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Bert Boehme	<b>Leadership and Development</b>	Bert Boehme
<b>3rd Vice President</b>	Lyle Brennan	<b>Legion Seniors</b>	Lorette Ellis
<b>Chairman</b>	Dave Cole	<b>Long Range Planning</b>	Stephane Guy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Diane Craig	<b>Membership</b>	David St Amand
<b>Secretary</b>	Pam Hall	<b>Poppy Campaign</b>	Lyle Brennan
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Stephane Guy	<b>Poppy Trust Fund</b>	Jim Duff
<b>Bar Officer</b>	Dave Sereda	<b>Public Relations (Website, Scrapbook, Bulletin)</b>	Debi Sereda
<b>Cadets</b>	Patrick Makison	<b>Sports/Track and Field</b>	Joe Guitard
<b>Community Liaison</b>	Dave Sereda	<b>Veterans' Service Officer</b>	Lorette Ellis
<b>Constitution and Laws</b>	Vacant	<b>Ways and Means</b>	Lorette Ellis
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bert Boehme	<b>Youth Education/Bursary</b>	Lyle Brennan
<b>Grants and Assistance</b>	Dave Voisey		
<b>Non-Executive</b>			
<b>Chaplain for Legion Tributes</b>	Reverend Margo Whittaker	<b>Hospital Visits Co-ordinator</b>	Louise Laflamme



E-mail: [rcl6A41@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl6A41@bellnet.ca)

September 6, 2022



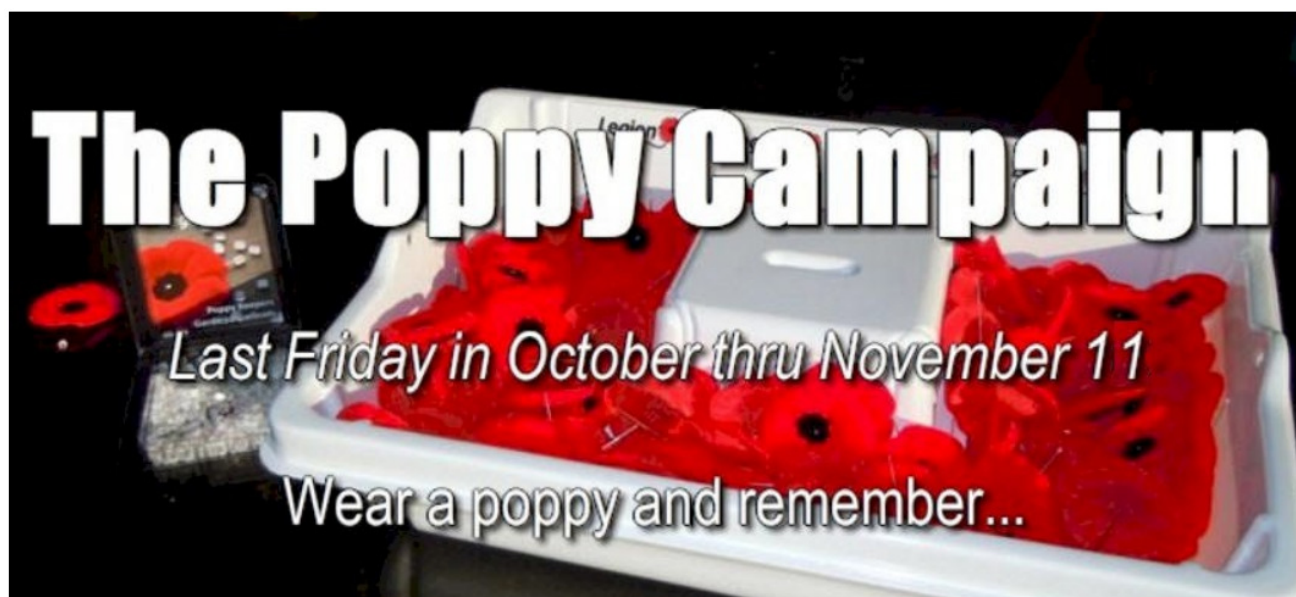


“Supports RCL Branch 641 Barrhaven and our Veterans”

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>





## Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda



Every October brings with it the start of the annual Poppy Campaign. It is important to remember that the basic purpose of funds raised during the Poppy Campaign is to enable Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion to provide immediate assistance to our Veterans and their families. This includes providing food, shelter and medical attention for them or their families when necessary. Poppy funds also allow the Legion to “give back” to the local community in the form of bursaries to local schools, support of army, navy and air cadet corps, donations to local hospitals and other vital support programs.

Our 2021 Poppy campaign bounced back after Covid with the best year ever, with our community supporting the campaign with donations amounting to \$84,000.

Shifts for distributing poppies at local stores will soon be posted at the branch. Please sign up to take at least one shift. It's a great way to support our branch and our community.

Stay well. Enjoy your Legion. Volunteer.

Debi Sereda  
[debi.foxhill@gmail.com](mailto:debi.foxhill@gmail.com)

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641 Barrhaven, 3A-3500 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa K2J 4A7

Call us: 613-843-8691 | Email us: [rcl641@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl641@bellnet.ca) | Visit us: [www.rcl641.ca](http://www.rcl641.ca) |  Barrhaven Legion 641  
This and all past issues of The Advance can be viewed at: <http://www.rcl641.ca/advance.html>

