



Ed Schelenz

The President's Message

Comrades:

Let me start by thanking our Past President Stephane Guy, his executive and all the volunteers for having done a great job keeping our branch going for the past three years. Stephane was the driving force in getting the branch all of the government

grants that we were entitled to, which kept us in the black. I know he will keep up the great work in the many tasks he has taken on.

I'm in the fortunate position of having three of our past presidents still very active within our branch. These comrades are all part of our executive and still volunteer much of their time to the branch. I know I can count on them not to hesitate in letting me know if there are things that can be done in a better way. We continue to maintain our membership numbers in the 600 range without ever having had an official recruiting program. This surely shows that this is a great branch in which to be a member.

I thank all the members who stepped up and were willing to run for office, and those who volunteered to take on an appointment. Most of our executive are repeat members, some trying out new duties and others remaining with their previous duties. We have four new members on the executive: Diane Craig, Daniel Desmarais, Lorette Ellis and Patrick Makinson. I welcome them and I hope they stay involved for many years to come.

In the above paragraphs I have used the word "volunteer" many times and it is a word I use a lot in my discussions at the branch. "Volunteers make it work" is true and one of my worries is that we will burn out our volunteers. I encourage all of you to find new volunteers to help out. Let's work as a team.

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I encourage all committee chairpersons to form committees to help in your decision making. I further encourage all executive members to approach one of your counterparts and volunteer to be on their committee. Much experience can be gained by serving on other committees.

I look forward to the next year as your President and hope I have your support throughout.

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"Volunteers make it work"

Highlights of Reports from Your Executive Chairs for June*

*Full reports can be found in the binder containing Meeting Minutes which are available behind the bar, in the Branch

Membership Report

Membership Total: 616 (629 at the end of 2021)

New 5 members	New/Transfer in 8	Re-instate 1
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Branch 595 Strathcona has surrendered its Charter and closed their doors.

Geraldine (Gerry) McDonald passed away earlier this month. She was the wife of John McDonald. The branch continues to pay the yearly dues for John, but Gerry's membership lapsed in 2018.

I have confirmed that Alf Cassidy (99) is still a resident of Revera Barrhaven. Joe Quinn at 101 is our oldest member and has moved to the Perley. I will be renewing their memberships in September on behalf of our branch.

Training – Stittsville branch has a new membership chair and has requested training. I will reach out to all branches in Zone G5 to determine if other branches also require membership training.

Dave St Amand, Membership Chair

Sgt-at-Arms Report

I have sent a request for members to join our Colour Party and received four replies. Some are still evaluating if they wish to join but I'm hopeful for at least two or three.

As I was unavailable, I would like to thank the members who participated in the Legion Tribute for Ken Torrance who passed away late last year.

Stéphane Guy, Long Range Planning/Sgt at Arms

Sports Report

We are seeing the return to inter-branch sports both at Zone and District levels. Sign-up sheets for washer toss, horseshoes and golf are currently posted.

Joe Guitard, Sports Chair

Veterans Service Officer Report

The Veterans lunch on June 15 was cancelled. Since the Legion does not have a mask mandate, most homes do not want to take the chance of any of the Veterans getting infected. To be on the safe side, the decision was made to cancel.

Visits of the Veterans will resume soon in most homes under our jurisdiction. Some homes are still restricting the visits and will get back to me once we can resume.

I have requested an updated lists of Veterans and spouses for each home; however, some have expressed they cannot send me a list by email due to confidentiality. They have agreed to provide a list at the front door so I know who to visit.

A meeting has been set up to visit one of our Veteran's Legion members. I will work with the couple to assess their needs. Once their needs have been determined, I will work with Ontario Command to ensure we provide all that is available to the couple.

Lorette Ellis, Veterans Senior Officer

Bar, Cadets, Housing, Community Liaison

Bar

Bar is running fine. As of June 1, prices have been set on the POS system; the increase is 4-5 per cent on beer and wine.

We are always looking for more bartenders especially during the summer, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, just let Carol Anne Marleau or me know.

Cadets

June is Parade month. Three of five cadet corps invited us to join in. Our new President Ed Schelenz and the new Cadet Liaison Officer Patrick Makinson participated in two parades and I was involved as a back up.

Housing

Looks like our roof is finally fixed; we will now proceed in replacing the stained tiles. Jim Duff is the new Housing officer.

Dave Sereda, 1st Vice President

Entertainment/Hospitality Report

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022 we had our Lunch & Kitchen Party from 12 pm to 3 pm with Hot Dog or Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup and it was a success. Food sale was very good. Over 65 people came out. It is getting busier.

We have tried new meals: Greek & Mexican both were a success.

Meals to come in July:

Canada Day on July 1, 2022 is on a Friday this year so we will have Hot Dog \$3.00 & Hamburger \$5.00 Band: Heart & Soul Duo from noon to 5 pm. No Friday Night Dinner that night.

Don't forget that during July and August we are down to dinners twice a month for the Friday Night Meals.

Angele Guy, Entertainment/Hospitality Chair

Grants and Assistance Report

1. Diabetes Canada - It is recommended that we make a donation to Diabetes Canada in the sum of \$350 to be funded from the Lottery Account be approved.
2. Shepherds of Good Hope - A donation of \$4,000 was approved at the May Executive Meeting but failed to be considered at that month's General Meeting due to lack of a quorum. It was tabled for the June General Meeting.

David Voisey

Long Range Planning Report

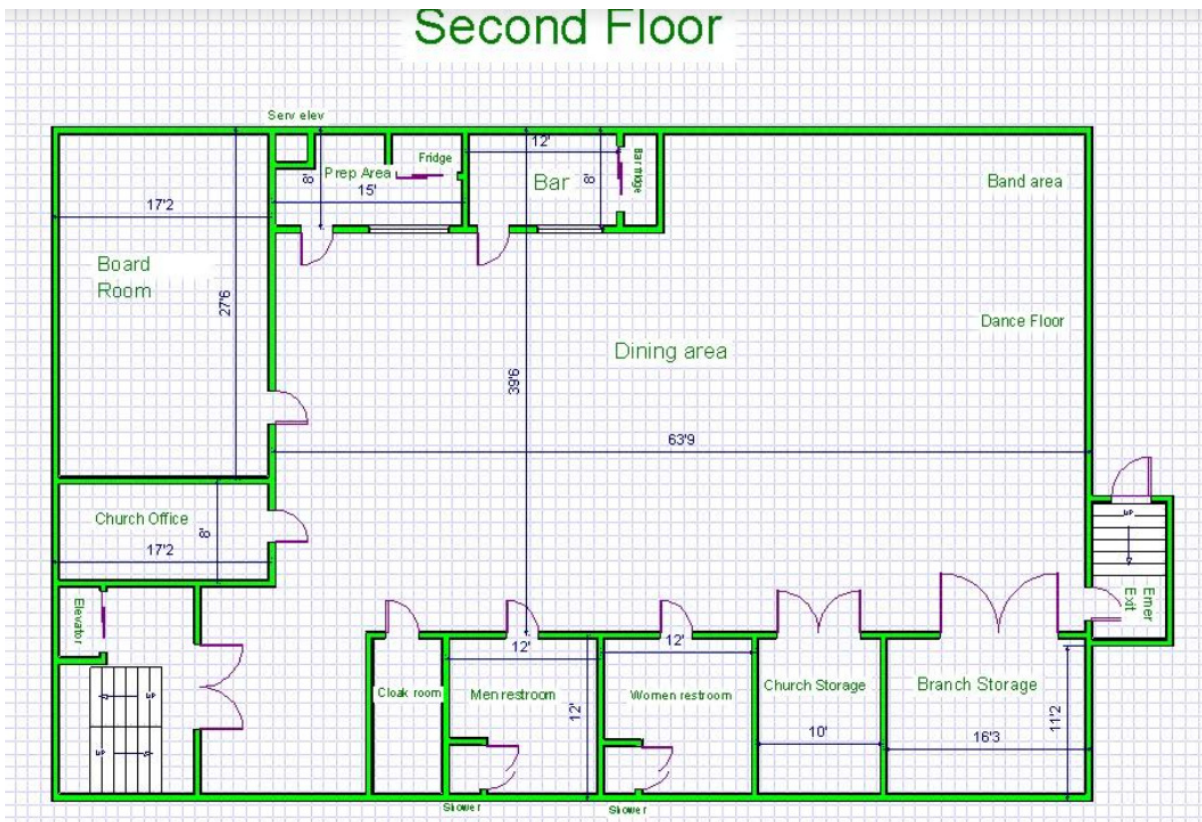
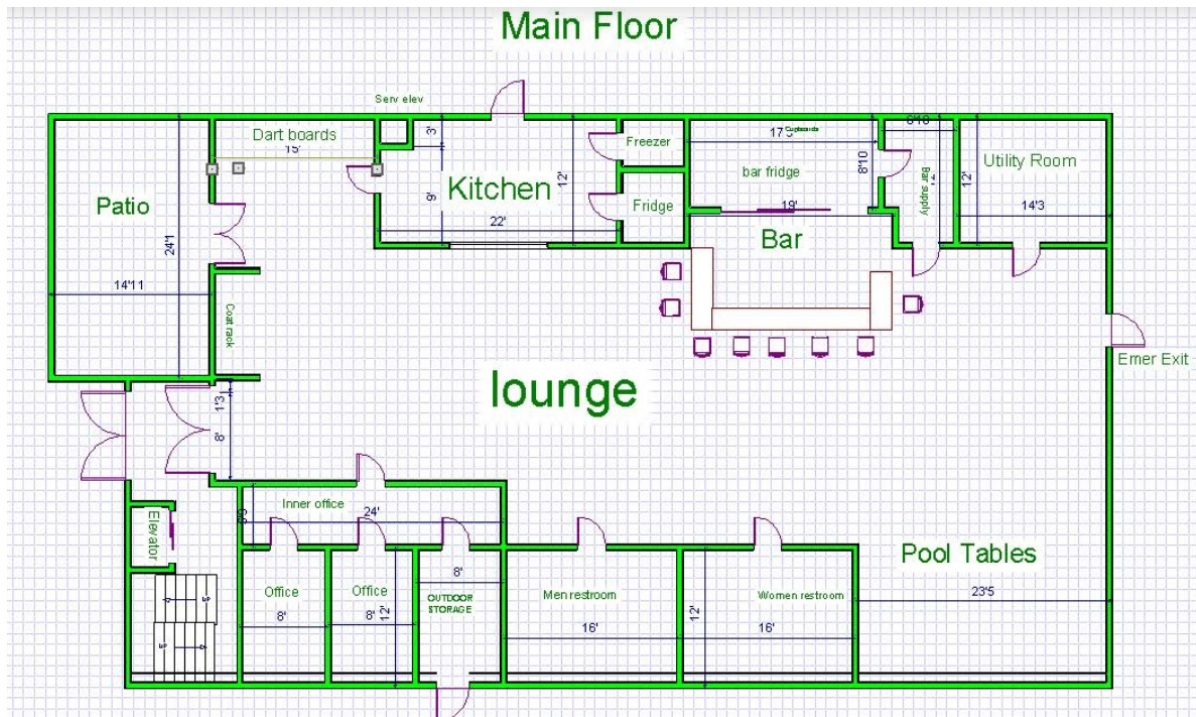
The focus of the Long Range Planning Committee and our new clubhouse project will be to have everything in place by September 2023 so we can approach a bank for a mortgage of our new clubhouse as soon as the profit of the sale of the condos have been deposited in our account. To achieve that goal, there is multiple steps that must be completed. They are:

1. Basic design
2. Possible partnership with Anglican Church
3. Fundraising activities
4. Budget case prepared

As such, I asked for feedback on the floor plan that was presented at the June General Meeting (and which is shown below).


As you can see, there is a fair amount of work but with your help, I'm sure that we can achieve our goal.

Stephane Guy, Long Range Planning Chair




2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

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



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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
by Thursday 3:00 p.m.

Correct Legion Summer Dress

Stephane Guy

To answer recent questions regarding Summer Dress dates, it is from May 1 to September 30 as per the Protocol Manual page 3. However, it is also mentioned that dress for events may be determined in accordance with climatic conditions at all times throughout the year.

Consequently, it opens the door to wear the white or blue shirt before May 1 or after September 30 if the weather is suitable.

When it came out, we received guidance that allows members to wear the blue shirts when applicable. This means that for meetings and when officially representing the branch and when the full uniform may not be appropriate, the blue shirt, grey pants and black shoes can be worn. For unofficial events, blue shirts can be worn but without the requirement of the grey pants and black shoes. Furthermore, there were no comments with regards to the time of the year where the wear of the blue shirt would be restricted, which means that it can be worn throughout the year.

According to Protocol Manual page 3, it also applies to the colour party so summer dress can be worn while carrying the flags.

Farewell to John and Josie Tan of the UPS Store

We are sad to bid farewell to our friends John and Josie who have sold the Barrhaven UPS Store and are finally able to enjoy some well-deserved time to themselves. They will be around for the next couple of weeks to help the new owners transition, so make sure to drop in and wish them well.

Since January 3, 2003, John and Josie have provided our branch with assistance with printing, packaging, mailing, desk top publishing, graphic design and to many of us, computer training.

In February 2020, John and Josie were presented with the Branch Exceptional Service Award. This award recognized their continued support of our branch since our “dream days” back in 2003.

We all wish John and Josie all the very best and thank them for their years of support and friendship to all of us. Please make sure you come and see us!



Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda

June is coming to an end and summer holidays and fun will soon be all around us. Have a wonderful summer and be safe.

I wish John and Josie Tan a very happy and well-deserved retirement from their UPS Store. They served our branch and our community for over 19 years. They have both helped me a lot over the years and I thank them for their years of service and support to me and our branch.

The golf tournament is just about sold out again. This is the first time since 2019 we have been able to host this tournament and invite guests back to the branch for our signature BBQ steak dinner – and the prizes of course! Thanks to Dave Sereda and his golf committee who have worked hard to make this another fundraising success.

Debi Sereda

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