

# The Advance

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 641 Barrhaven



Vimy Memorial Bridge  
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## The President's Message

Comrades:

October is here and planning is well underway for our Poppy Campaign, the most important fundraising activity we undertake to enable support to our Veterans and related causes. We need volunteers to help with this so please make sure to volunteer for a three-hour shift at one of the many stores in Barrhaven. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the branch. Our branch is quite active, there are many events to enjoy which are found on our branch calendar. If you'd like to volunteer in the branch, please reach out to me or any of our executive to find out how you can help with your Legion.

When you do visit the branch, consider bringing a non-perishable food item for our local Barrhaven Food Cupboard.

Lyle Brennan, CD, President

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## Executive and General Meeting Reports for October, 2023

These documents are now available on our website. Please note these are shown as submitted so please excuse any typos.

Executive Meeting Report for October, [please click here](#).

General Meeting Report for October, [please click here](#).

### Barrhaven Legion 641 is on Facebook

Want to be a part of our private Facebook group? Just go to "Barrhaven Legion 641" on Facebook, send us a friend request, answer the two questions\* to tell us why you want to be a part of our private group, and join in the conversation.

\*If you don't answer the questions, your request won't be approved.

***This is a private, members-only group.***

## Reservations for Friday Night Dinners and Special Events

### Barrhaven Legion Branch 641

Dinner served from 6-7 p.m.

**Members: \$25    Non-members \$30**

**For reservations, please contact Ken  
Phone 613-795-2127 or Email [br641reservation@gmail.com](mailto:br641reservation@gmail.com)**

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## Let Us Know

When a comrade or family member passes away, it's important that you let our chaplain, Margo Whittaker, know. She can then put several things into motion such as advising the president and our executive, connecting with the family, arranging for colour parties and Legion services – all of which fulfill our role to each other as a Legion family. When comrades are ill or pass and we don't know, we can't support the member or their family in their time of need.

If a comrade becomes ill, please let our Hospital Visits Chair, Louise Laflamme, know so that she can contact them or the family and arrange a visit. Members love seeing a friendly face when they are sick, especially if they don't have many family members in town.

Reverend Margo Whittaker  
Chaplain  
[margo.l.whittaker@gmail.com](mailto:margo.l.whittaker@gmail.com)

Louise Laflamme  
Hospital Visits Chair  
[llouisellaflamme1@bell.net](mailto:llouisellaflamme1@bell.net)



## 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 by email at [debi.foxhill@gmail.com](mailto:debi.foxhill@gmail.com).

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## 2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair
<b>President</b>	Lyle Brennan	<b>Honours and Awards</b>	Ed Schelenz
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Ed Schelenz	<b>Hospitality/Entertainment</b>	Angele Guy
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Mike Harrietha	<b>Housing</b>	Dave Cole
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Bert Boehme	<b>Leadership and Development</b>	Bert Boehme
<b>3rd Vice President</b>	Angele Guy	<b>Legion Seniors</b>	Richard Lynn
<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>	Stephane Guy
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Paul Leadston	<b>Poppy Trust Fund</b>	Bert Boehme
<b>Bar Officer</b>	Dave Sereda	<b>Public Relations (Website, Newsletter)</b>	Debi Sereda
<b>Cadets</b>	Patrick Makinson	<b>Sports/Track and Field</b>	Joe Guitard
<b>Community Liaison</b>	Dave Sereda	<b>Veterans' Service Officer</b>	Anne Cole
<b>Constitution and Laws</b>	Stephane Guy	<b>Ways and Means</b>	Anne Cole
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bert Boehme	<b>Youth Education/Bursary</b>	Carol-Anne Marleau
<b>Grants and Assistance</b>	Richard Lynn		
Non-Executive			
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Carol-Anne Marleau	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Jennifer Read
<b>Bingo Team Co-ordinator</b>	Ed Schelenz	<b>Hall Rental</b>	Cathy Pearen
<b>Chaplain for Legion Tributes</b>	Reverend Margo Whittaker	<b>Hospital Visits Co-ordinator</b>	Louise Laflamme
<b>Finance Review Committee</b>	William Read, Lorette Ellis, Kim Krueger	<b>Housing Assistant</b>	Tom Lamb
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## Membership Update

Membership Total for September: 734 active accounts (2022 – 718)

New Members in September: 5	Transfer in: 2	Transfer out: 0
Resigned: 0	Re-instated: 1	Deceased Members: 1

Digital memberships are now available. I encourage everyone to opt in. You can make the switch yourself online or let me know that you want to change and I can do it for you. A digital membership means you won't need a plastic card.

Members who choose a digital card will receive a new download each year when they renew.

The Earlybird draws will be done at the exec meeting in December. Three members will win a one-year extension to their membership.

Pins – If you have a pin at the bar, please drop by and pick it up. In the first week of January, I will take all pins back as any that are there will be deemed as unwanted.

Dave St Amand, Membership Chair

## The Daves of Branch 641

We had two people respond to the “Guess How many Daves are at Branch 641” contest in the September edition of The Advance.

**The correct number of Daves we have in our membership is 46.**

Thanks, and congratulations to Terry Masnyk (who guessed 42) and Anne Cole (who guessed 11) for participating. (At least I know two people read the newsletter!) Terry and Anne each won a free drink of their choice to be claimed at the bar.

Coincidentally, both Terry and Anne are married to Daves so it's very fitting that they participated.



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## Farewell to Gus . . . Just Gus

Valour Hall was filled with family and friends on September 28 as we all bid *adieu* to our beloved Clarence W. (Gus) Este. Here are some photos of the celebration.



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## 2023 Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Activities

The Poppy Campaign enables branches of the Royal Canadian Legion to provide immediate assistance to ex-servicemen and women in need. This includes providing food, shelter and medical attention for them or their families when necessary. Thanks to the generosity of the Barrhaven community, during the 2022 Campaign the branch raised \$79,000 which was used to support Veterans' causes in the community. Branch 641 donated funds to community organizations including the Ottawa Heart Institute, Perley Health Centre, Queensway Carleton Hospital, five army, navy and air cadet corps, Military Family Resource Centre, Heroes Mending on the Fly, Operation: Leave the Streets Behind, Operation Service Dogs, Veterans' Ski Program, Ruck to Ruck, bursaries to local schools, as well as providing monetary prizes for poster and literary contests for youth attending local schools.

### Volunteers Are Needed for Poppy Shifts at Local Stores

As you know, a successful Poppy Campaign needs the support of our members to actively participate in the Campaign by volunteering for three-hour shifts at local stores to distribute poppies in our community.

Please visit or call the branch at 613-843-8691 between noon and 5 p.m. to sign up for one or more shifts.

Poppies will be distributed from October 27 to November 10 at the following stores in Barrhaven: Metro, Walmart, Loblaws, Your Independent Grocer and Farmboy (Greenbank Street), and the available daily shifts are:

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.                      1 p.m. - 4 p.m.                      4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Poppies will be distributed at the Barrhaven Costo from October 30 to November 10 and the available daily shifts are:

9 a.m. - noon                      Noon - 3 p.m.                      3 p.m. - 6 p.m.                      6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Please reserve your preferred three-hour shift(s) as soon as possible. If shifts are not filled, we miss those opportunities to collect donations.

Barrhaven's annual November 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade will be held at John McCrae Secondary School, 103 Malvern Drive. The parade will start at 10:45 a.m. and the Ceremony at 11 a.m. Military/RCMP/Police, Veterans, Legion members, Scout/Cubs, Guides/Brownies/Sparks and other community groups are welcome to participate in the parade.



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Form-up begins at 10:30 a.m. Following the Ceremony, the Barrhaven Legion will host a reception in Halls A and B of the Walter Baker Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Veterans and members of the Barrhaven Legion are welcome to join us back at Branch 641 located at 3500 Fallowfield Road.

Have questions? Want to find out how you can help? Contact Stephane Guy, Poppy Chair at [613-797-7021](tel:613-797-7021).

Thank you for your support of this very important Campaign that allows us to support Veterans in need.

Stephane Guy  
Branch 641 Poppy Chair  
613-797-7021

***\*\* Supporting the Poppy Campaign means supporting Veterans in need  
and Veteran and local community programs. \****



2022 Remembrance Day Ceremony

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# The Legion Veterans' Services Network Is Here for You

The Royal Canadian Legion Veterans Services Network serves Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families, providing support, referrals, representation, advocacy and financial assistance free of charge, Legion member or not.

## Who We Serve

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## The Legion's definition of a Veteran

"A Veteran is any person who is serving or who has honorably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or its wartime allies, or as a Regular Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or as a Peace Officer in a Special Duty Area or on a Special Duty Operation, or who has served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime."

**If you or a Veteran you know needs help, please contact Branch 641 Veterans' Service Officer [Anne Cole](#) or a Legion Command Service Officer.**

[Read more](#) . . .

## Presentation at Branch 641



On October 17, Hospitality Chair Angele Guy presented President Lyle Brennan with a cheque in the amount of \$1,816 which will go to the Land and Building Fund.

**Since 2020, Angele has hosted a Virtual Garage Sale and she has raised \$9,366 since then.**

"Thanks to everyone that donated and made this happen," said Angele. Photo taken by Alice Boehme.

[Click here to see the Virtual Garage Sale.](#)

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# **Barrhaven Legion Branch 641 Valour Hall**

## **ANNUAL MARKET**

We have artisans and creators, etc...

**Date:**

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

**Time: 9am until 4pm**

Barrhaven Legion Branch 641  
3500 Fallowfield Road, Suite 3A  
K2J 4A7

*Parking and entry is free.*

*There will be an onsite canteen &  
a licensed lounge to rest in.*

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"Supports RCL Branch 641 Barrhaven and our Veterans"



## Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda



October is always a very busy month here at Branch 641 as we ramp up our volunteering program to support the annual Poppy Campaign. We have lots of volunteer openings and, as always, not as many volunteers to spread the load and cover poppy shifts at local stores. We rely on the same people every year and new volunteers will help to ease the burden on our teams. If you have three hours to spare, please sign up at the branch for a shift at a local store and help us distribute poppies to members of our community. Every dollar raised from October 27 to November 11 supports our Veterans and their families.

**If you have never volunteered some time at Branch 641, please, this is the time to help to fulfil the oath many of us took when we became members of the Royal Canadian Legion.**

Enjoy your branch. Volunteer if you can. Stay safe.

Debi Sereda

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