

# The Advance

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 641 Barrhaven



Vimy Memorial Bridge  
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## The President's Message

Comrades:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Canada Day long weekend. I also spent some time downtown at the ceremony for the WW1 Battle at Beaumont-Hamel at the National War Memorial and later stopping by to watch a Canada Day performance from the 75/742 Air Cadets Music Program at Parliament Hill (pipe and drum, brass and reed and Highland dancers). Did anyone catch the RCAF 100 flyby? Aircraft from the past, current and future, including the Snowbirds and a F35, took to the skies over Parliament Hill for an awesome 20-minute display for everyone celebrating Canada Day below.

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Over the summer, although we won't be having our monthly General Meetings, the executive will continue to meet, and teams of volunteers will be working to keep the branch going over the summer. We will also be working on improvements to our internet and Wi-Fi.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer season. Don't forget to pop into the branch and enjoy some time with comrades.

"Lest we forget."

Lyle Brennan, CD, President

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## Canada Day at Branch 641

As always, our branch loves to host a party, and this Canada Day was no exception.

First off, our Hospitality team hosted a Senior's Breakfast at the site of the Canada Day Festivities, Clarke Field Park, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. More than 100 people attended and enjoyed the breakfast.

Pictured left: Angel Guy, Anna Cummins and Cheryl Burgin.



Then, the main event, Canada Day, was held from noon till 5 p.m. Our always popular Heart & Soul Duo kept people up on the floor for five hours. Thanks as always to our Hospitality Team, food was served and enjoyed by everyone who brought an appetite. Here are some photos from the afternoon's festivities.



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# 2024/2025 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair
<b>President</b>	Lyle Brennan	<b>Hospitality/Entertainment</b>	Angele Guy
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Ed Schelenz	<b>Housing</b>	Dave Cole
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Bert Boehme	<b>Leadership and Development</b>	Bert Boehme
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Angele Guy	<b>Legal Advisor</b>	Rod Vanier
<b>3rd Vice President</b>	Richard Lynn	<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>	Joe Guitard
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Will Read	<b>Poppy</b>	Kevin Brown
<b>Secretary</b>	Pam Hall	<b>Poppy Trust Fund</b>	Bert Boehme
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Paul Leadston	<b>Public Relations (Website, Newsletter)</b>	Debi Sereda
<b>Bar Officer</b>	Dave Cole	<b>Sports/Track and Field</b>	Michelle Guitard
<b>Cadets</b>	Robert MacNichol and Anne Cole	<b>Seniors</b>	Richard Lynn
<b>Community Liaison</b>	Dave Sereda	<b>Technology</b>	Kevin Brown
<b>Constitution and Laws</b>	Stephane Guy	<b>Veterans' Service Officer</b>	Anne Cole
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bert Boehme	<b>Ways and Means</b>	Dave Sereda
<b>Grants and Assistance</b>	Richard Lynn	<b>Youth Education/Bursary</b>	Carol-Anne Marleau
<b>Honours and Awards</b>	Ed Schelenz		
Non-Executive			
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Diane Craig	<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>Cleaning the Capital</b>	Will and Jennifer Read	<b>Housing Assistant Housekeeping</b>	Tom Lamb Greg Grimes
<b>Finance Review Committee</b>	Joyce Barr, Lorette Ellis, Kim Krueger	<b>Nevada Trust Fund</b>	Kevin Brown
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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  
[louisellaflamme1@bell.net](mailto:louisellaflamme1@bell.net)

## **“We Will Remember Them”**

### **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 [Public.Relations@rcl641.ca](mailto:Public.Relations@rcl641.ca).

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# Executive and General Meeting Reports for July 2024

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

Executive Meeting Report, 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 [reservation@rcl641.com](mailto:reservation@rcl641.com)**

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## BARRHAVEN FOOD CUPBOARD

Please put your non-perishable, canned and packaged food donations in the donation box at the entrance to the Branch. It will be taken to the Barrhaven Food Cupboard as it fills up.

Items most desired by the Barrhaven Food Cupboard include:

Canned vegetables (especially corn)	Cereal	Chili	Coffee	Cookies
Cooking Oil	Crackers	Feminine Hygiene Products		Flour
Granola Bars	Oatmeal	Rice	Spaghetti	

Baby food and diapers are also highly sought-after donations. Thank you for your generosity.

William and Jennifer Read

## Volunteer Cleaners Needed

Your Legion Branch 641 requires volunteer cleaners for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Presently we have several members covering these extra days along with their regular duties. Although this is greatly appreciated it is extremely unfair to them. Their hard work in keeping a clean environment is enjoyed by all members, guests and users of the branch facilities. It's only a few hours a day and great exercise. Give your fellow members a helping hand and volunteer now.

### Hall Rentals at Branch 641

Rental space is available on Saturdays and Sundays and some evenings for **WEDDINGS, RECEPTIONS, PARTIES, SHOWERS.**

Contact our hall rental agent, Cathy Pearen, at [hallrental@rcl641.ca](mailto:hallrental@rcl641.ca)

***Book early – our reasonable rates are very attractive!***

For more information, [click here to go to our Hall Rental web page.](#)

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# How Branch 641 Supports the Perley Health Foundation and Our Veterans

Each year, Branch 641 and Legions in our area support the Perley Health Foundation. In 2023, Legions in our area donated \$181,000 to the Perley. To their 2023 Annual Report, please [click here](#).



## Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda

During the long winter months, we eagerly look forward to summer when we can be outside, enjoying the warm weather and spending time with family and friends. I hope you are doing exactly that this summer.

Thanks to our never-wavering volunteers, life at Branch 641 goes on behind the scenes during the summer months. Our executive team continues their work to support our branch and more noticeably our Hospitality Team and our bartenders are always there to welcome our members and keep them entertained. Don't forget to drop into the branch over the summer and say hello when you can.

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

Debi Sereda  
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