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TO: All Branches
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Karen Kuzek, Vice President and Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Resolutions for BC/Yukon Command Convention: Kamloops, BC (June 6-8, 2025)

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Please ensure this information is brought to the attention of the Branch executive committee and Branch membership.

Comrades,

Convention is important to help set the direction of the organization. Improvement and progress can only be made with participation. This is your opportunity to think creatively and consider concepts where our mandate and by-laws can be better placed to ready us for our future and to better support our communities and Veterans. If you have not recently looked at the BC/Yukon Command and General By-laws, please take the opportunity to do so now – this will give you plenty of time to review our current mandate and consider ideas that will contribute positively to the growth process.

DEADLINE

The deadline date for submission of resolutions for the 2025 Convention is Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Because of the administrative procedures involved, and Command's responsibility to get the Convention Committee Reports and Resolutions booklet into the hands of Branches at least 45 days prior to the opening date of the convention, resolutions submitted after this date cannot be accepted. Remember, we always acknowledge receipt of all resolutions. If you have not received an acknowledgement within 10 days of submitting your resolution, please follow up with the office at convention@legionbcyukon.ca to make sure your resolution was received.

March 18, 2025 is a hard and non-negotiable deadline date due to our by-laws, so please keep it in mind.

PROCEDURES

Here are some important things you should know about resolutions. First, BC/Yukon Command has a policy approved by convention with respect to the subject matter of resolutions:

Conventions - Non-Legion Resolutions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that future conventions deal only with Veterans' welfare and Legion matters only.

This means we only deal with resolutions applicable to our mandate. Nothing outside of our mandate can be dealt with at Convention. So when you are working on resolutions, give serious consideration to the topics, the wording, and what you are looking to achieve with the resolution. Here are some guidelines:

The general headings that resolutions fall under are:

- Rules over which the Legion can exercise direct control in that they deal with matters affecting our organization, such as by-law amendments and rules governing our Provincial and Dominion Standing Committees.
- Rules that require submission to government, either at municipal, provincial, or federal level, but primarily relating to the federal government and in connection with desirable changes in Veterans' legislation.
- Rules of a general nature that reflect the concern of Canadians in general on such subjects as maintaining the strength of the military, immigration, drug abuse, etc.

*Any member(s) in good standing can submit a resolution to their Branch executive. The Branch executive will review the resolution and will concur or non-concur. **All** resolutions, **concurred or not**, will be sent to BC/Yukon Command, along with the general meeting minutes where the resolution was approved. The BC/Yukon Command C&L committee will review all submitted resolutions.*

BC/Yukon Command Convention resolutions endorsed at Zone Level **must originate at a Branch**. If a Branch resolution is channelled through the Zone, the Zone is not permitted to change the resolution except with respect to any incorrect information. A Zone cannot stop a Branch resolution from going forward. This means that even if a Zone meeting votes non-concurrence, a Branch can still send its resolution through to Command.

Resolutions must be submitted in an appropriate format with explanation by way of one or more "whereas" sections of preamble and a "resolved" section outlining specifically what action is being requested. For example:

SUBJECT:
BRANCH NO:

WHEREAS' ... Preamble tells the membership any needed background information about the resolution and should include why the resolution is being proposed, important background events, and the scope of the issue. The information should be clear so the delegates understand the resolution and its context. Use one "whereas" per point.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ... this section should specifically designate the action(s) you wish to accomplish.

Resolutions are important to the Legion, as they form the mandate and by-laws by which we are governed. We encourage all Branches to consider resolutions that will guide, improve, and modernize the Legion to fulfil and deliver a high standard of service for the specific and ever-changing needs of our Veterans and members. This is a democratic transparent organization where members can drive the agenda forward in a positive way. Your contributions to this process are so important.

If you need any help or advice, we are happy to lend a hand.

Karen Kuzek