2025 BC/YUKON COMMAND CONVENTION CALL

JUNE 6-8, 2025

COAST KAMLOOPS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE 1250 ROGERS WAY, KAMLOOPS, BC







2025 Convention Call

The 2025 BC/Yukon Command Convention will be held from June 6 to 8 at the Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre in Kamloops, British Columbia. This event brings together Legion Branches and members from across the Command to connect, collaborate, and advance initiatives that support Veterans, their families, and their communities.

This year's theme, "Where The Rivers Meet – Reflect. Renew. Rejuvenate," highlights reflection and renewal. The word Kamloops is the English translation of the Secwépemc word Tk'emlúps, which means, "where the rivers meet." The primary logo for the convention illustrates Kamloops' two rivers joining together to form the Thompson River.





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Program Overview

A detailed program will be made available closer to the day. The following is provided as a summary of events.

Schedule and times are subject to change.

Registration Opens / Tradeshow

Friday, June 6 - Saturday, June 7

Workshops

Friday, June 6 (Morning/Afternoon)

Parade & Opening Ceremonies

Friday, June 6 at 5:00pm

Welcome Reception

Friday, June 6 at 7:30pm

Business Sessions

Saturday, June 7 - Sunday, June 8

Installation & Closing Ceremonies

Sunday, June 8 (Afternoon)

PEC Meetings / Zone Commander Training

Monday, June 9 (Morning)



PLEASE BRING YOUR PERSONAL SMARTPHONE OR TABLET TO CONVENTION.

All delegates must have their own unique email address and bring their own personal mobile device (smart phone, tablet, iPad, or laptop) to access the secure voting platform. Your device must also be able to connect to the free Internet provided at Convention. On-site technical support representatives will be available to assist with any issues at registration and during voting.

A limited number of mobile devices will be available on hand for delegates to borrow during voting periods. If you need to borrow a device, please contact BC/Yukon Command in advance to ensure availability.

A mobile Convention app will also be made available to all attendees. The app will provide easy access to agendas, local maps, and key information. A link to access the app will be sent to all attendees closer to Convention.

To reduce environmental impact and costs, the Committee Reports and Resolutions Book will only be available in electronic format. The Committee Reports and Resolutions Book will be accessible through the Convention app and downloadable for printing on the BC/Yukon Command website. The book will be available by April 22nd, 45 days prior to the opening date of Convention.



Delegate Accrediation & Credential Certificates

- Every Branch shall be entitled to send to Convention one delegate for the first fifty (50) voting members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional one hundred (100) or fraction thereof (Section 1004 of the BC/Yukon Command By-Laws).
- Branch delegates, who must be members in good standing, shall be elected at a duly constituted meeting of the general membership (Section 1006 of the BC/Yukon Command By-Laws).

To become an accredited delegate or observer, Branches are to complete the enclosed Credential Certificate and submit to the BC/Yukon Command office by **May 20, 2025.** Please email all completed certificates to: convention@legionbcyukon.ca.

It is important that the Credential Certificate is properly completed:

- The form must be signed by both the Branch President and the Branch Secretary.
- Provide the date of the general meeting at which the delegates and alternate delegates were elected. Ensure all delegates and alternate delegates are members in good standing.
- Each delegate and observer must provide their own personal email address on the form.

Instructions for online registration will be sent to confirmed attendees once their names have been received by BC/Yukon Command.



Delegate Accrediation & Credential Certificates

Branches are encouraged to nominate delegates to serve on Convention Committees by completing this section on the Credential Certificate. Please indicate the name of the delegate as the Branch's first choice for committee appointment. All committees will meet virtually prior to April 22, 2025.

IF YOUR BRANCH IS NOT SENDING DELEGATES:

If your Branch is not sending any delegates, please still submit the signed Credential Certificate indicating this, and specify how you wish to distribute proxies.



Online Registration

Once the Branch's Credential Certificate has been received and processed, each attendee will receive an email with online registration instructions and payment details (if applicable).

Attendees will also have the opportunity to pre-register for workshops through the online registration form. As space may be limited, early registration is recommended. More details on workshop topics and schedules will be provided closer to the event.

REGISTRATION FEES

The Provincial Executive Council has approved the following registration fees, payable upon online registration:

Delegates: \$80.00 Observers: \$40.00

Registration fees are payable in advance by cheque or online by credit card through the online registration process. A cheque in the appropriate amount for your delegate(s) and observer(s) attending should be made payable to "BC/Yukon Command" – earmarked "Convention Registration."



Resolutions

The deadline for submission of resolutions for the 2025 Convention is **Tuesday, March 18, 2025.** This is a non-negotiable deadline, and late submissions cannot be accepted.

Branches are encouraged to submit resolutions to the BC/Yukon Command office as soon as possible. Due to the administrative procedures involved, and BC/Yukon Command's responsibility to distribute the Convention Committee Reports and Resolutions booklet to Branches at least 45 days prior to the opening date of Convention, any resolutions received after this deadline cannot be accepted.

Hotel Accomodations

It is the responsibility of each attendee to make their own travel and hotel reservations.

The Local Arrangements Committee has negotiated special rates at a number of hotel within close proximity of the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre. It is strongly recommended that attendees make arrangements as early as possible, as rates and space are subject to availability.

Deadline to book hotels is May 1, 2025.



HOTELS

Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre

1250 Rogers Way

Telephone: 250-828-6660 Ouote Code: GFC12098

Standard Room: \$179 per night

Best Western Aberdeen

1175 Rogers Way

Telephone: 250-374-4114

Quote Code: RCL Conference 2025

Standard Room: \$199 per night Distance to Convention: 350 m

5-minute walk

Days Inn

1855 Rogers Place

Telephone: 833-577-8881

Quote Code: Royal Canadian Legion

Standard Room: \$192 per night Distance to Convention: 450 m

6-minute walk

Fairfield

1475 Hugh Allan Drive

Online:

Online: Click to Book

Quote Code: Royal Canadian Legion

Standard Room: \$199 per night Distance to Convention: 600 m

9-minute walk

Hamptons

1245 Rogers Way

Online: Click to Book

Quote Code: Royal Canadian Legion

Standard Room: \$199 per night Distance to Convention: 150 m

2-minute walk

Holiday Inn Express

1550 Versatile Drive

Telephone: 250-372-3474

Quote Code: RCL Conference 2025 Standard Room: \$209 per night Distance to Convention: 1 km

3-minute drive



HOTELS

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1810 Rogers Place

Telephone: 250-372-0987

Quote Code: Royal Canadian Legion

Standard Room: \$195 per night Distance to Convention: 550 m

7-minute walk

Rodeway Inn

1200 Rogers Way

Telephone: 778-471-7708

Quote Code: RCL Conference 2025

Standard Room: \$129 per night Distance to Convention: 300 m

4-minute walk

Super 8

1521 Hugh Allen Drive

Telephone: 250-372-8688

Quote Code: RCL Conference 2025

Standard Room: \$169 per night Distance to Convention: 700 m

10-minute walk

Travelodge by Wyndham

1225 Rogers Way

Telephone: 250-372-4788

Quote Code: RCL Conference 2025

Standard Room: \$169 per night Distance to Convention: 130 m

2-minute walk

Wingate

1180 Rogers Way

Telephone: 778-731-0376

Quote Code: None

Standard Room: \$159 per night Distance to Convention: 240 m

3-minute walk

RV Park

Lac Le Juene Resort

5665 Lac Le Jeune Road Telephone: 236-304-8496

Website: Click to Book

Distance to Convention: 29 km

28-minute drive



Legion Dress

Full Legion uniform is mandatory for the opening and closing ceremonies and for participants of installations.

For business sessions, attendees may wear either the Legion uniform or informal dress (blue dress shirt), available from Legion Supply: <u>Click to Visit the Website</u>. No other shirts are approved for wearing on the convention floor. For more detailed information on Legion Dress, please refer to the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual.

Contact Us

For any questions regarding the BC/Yukon Command Convention, please contact us:

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