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TO: All Branches

For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Craig Thomson, President, BC/Yukon Command

SUBJECT: Legion Centenary

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Dear Comrades,

2026 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Across the country, events are being planned to mark this historic occasion.

The actual date of our start is July 17, 1926. As such, I am encouraging Branches across the Command to plan events celebrating our Centenary. In this Command, we have 35 Branches that obtained their Charters in 1926.

Dominion Command will announce events and celebrations in the future. One event planned for next year is the Dominion Convention, which will be held in Winnipeg, the birthplace of the Legion. In conjunction with Dominion Convention, a Gala Ball is being planned.

The Centenary will be celebrated throughout 2026, and much more information will be coming as we get closer to next year. It is planned that the Legion catalogue, normally updated in September, will start featuring Centenary items and keepsakes with the updated edition.

More information on national projects and events will be distributed as they are finalized, but we encourage you to start thinking about attending Dominion Convention to mark this historic occasion.

Branches of BC/Yukon Command are also encouraged to start thinking about hosting events in their communities in 2026. These events could coincide with July 17th, or could be done during Legion Week in September.

2026 is shaping up to be a stellar year for the Royal Canadian Legion, and it is hoped all Branches will participate in events to celebrate our Centenary.

In Comradeship,

Craig