BC/YUKON COMMAND The Royal Canadian Legion

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TO: All Branches

For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

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SUBJECT: BC/Yukon Command Convention Updates

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BC/Yukon Command Convention - Just Over 2 Weeks Away!

Credential Certificates

The deadline to submit completed credential certificates was Monday, May 20. If your Branch still wishes to send delegates and observers, please call the Command office as soon as possible. If your Branch is not sending any delegates, we still require the signed credential certificate, indicating your Branch's intent and providing instructions for proxy distribution.

Online Registration/Workshops

All confirmed delegates and observers will receive a link via email to complete the online registration form. If attendees have not yet received the link, please ensure they check their junk or spam folders.

Delegates and observers will also use the registration form to register for workshop sessions. As space is limited, please ensure attendees complete their online registration as soon as possible. Online registration closes on Friday, May 30. For any registration updates or changes, please contact the Command office directly.

The following workshops will be offered throughout the day on Friday, June 6 as part of the convention program:

Session #1 - 9:00-10:00am

- Effective Volunteer Engagement and Retention Strategies
- Governance 101: By-Laws
- BC Lottery Corporation

Session #2 – 10:30-11:30am

- Liquor Due Diligence Requirements for BC Legions
- Service Officer Training
- Poppy Fund Compliance
- BC Lottery Corporation

Session #3 – 1:00-2:00pm

- WorkSafe BC
- Service Officer Training
- Article III Complaints
- Membership Portal Training

Session #4 – 2:30-3:30pm

- Veterans Ombudsman Town Hall
- Governance 101: How to Hold Effective Meetings
- BC/Yukon Command Meet the Staff

If space permits, Legion members who are not accredited delegates through their Branch, may register as workshop-only participants. Please contact the Command office for more details and to confirm availability.

Convention Agenda

The convention agenda is now available. Please see the attached document or access it online through the Convention Website. We encourage all attendees to review the agenda in advance.

Convention App/Secure Voting Platform

A link to download the Convention App will be emailed to all attendees on Friday, May 30. The app will provide access to agendas, maps, and other important information.

The secure voting platform will be accessed through the Convention App. All voting delegates will receive their login credentials by email on May 30, allowing early access to the voting platform.

Delegates are required to bring their own mobile device (smart phone, tablet, laptop). A limited number of devices to borrow will be available if needed. Technical support representatives will be on-site at convention to assist with device set-up and troubleshooting.

Legion Dress

Full Legion uniform is mandatory for opening and for those participating in the Installation of Officers. Legion uniform or informal dress (blue dress shirt), available from Supply at <u>Legion.ca</u>, may be worn to business sessions. There will be a limited amount of informal dress shirts available at the Convention Store. 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.

BC/Yukon Command Executive Elections

Nominations for the offices of Command President, First Vice President, Vice President (x2), Treasurer and Chair can be submitted to: **convention@legionbcyukon.ca**. Confirmed nominations will be posted in the Convention App. If provided ahead of time, nominee photos and biographies will also be included.

Branch Colours

All Branches are encouraged and invited to bring their Branch colours with them to Convention. Please ensure you also bring your own flag stand.

Local Branch Dinners/Entertainment

Branch #52 Kamloops will be hosting a variety of evening dinner events. Please see the attached flyer for more information. For specific questions, contact the Branch directly at: secretary@kamloopslegion.com.

Questions

If you have any further questions, please contact the BC/Yukon Command office at (604) 575-8840 or email: convention@legionbcyukon.ca.