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TO: All Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Michelle Courtney, Executive Director, BC/Yukon Command

SUBJECT: Military Service Recognition Book (2026 Stories)

Memo 41.26

Deadline: Monday, August 31, 2026

Comrades,

Thank you for supporting the Military Service Recognition Book publication, *In the Service of Canada*. Your continued support and dedication have been instrumental in making this endeavour a success. The amazing stories and photographs published in this book would not be possible without your input.

If your Branch has stories about any of your members, please send them to us for inclusion in this year's publication. We also welcome submissions from any Veterans in your community who would like to be part of this book.

A special thank you to John Goheen, a long-time Legion Member, for his dedicated service as the Creative Director of the book. We also extend our gratitude to Markus Fahrner, our graphic designer, for his work on the book's layout and publication assembly.

What is the Military Service Recognition Book all about?

This annual publication serves as a tribute to the Military Service Members and Veterans of British Columbia and the Yukon. It goes a long way in helping us in our role as "Keepers of Remembrance" to ensure that the contributions made by our Veterans, Military Personnel and First Responders are never forgotten. The book is greatly appreciated by our Veterans and their families and serves as a valuable tool for promotion of the Legion's role in our communities.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for story and photo submissions is **August 31, 2026**. This year's volume will be published digitally, just ahead of Remembrance Day.

Submit a Story

There are two ways to submit photos and stories:

- By email: Send your submissions to info@legionbcyukon.ca
- By mail:
BC/Yukon Command
Attn: MSRB
#503 – 17665 66A Ave
Surrey, BC V3S 2A7

Please also include a completed **MSRB Submission Form**, attached to this circular.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do we still gather stories from Veterans of any age?

A. Yes! We continue to welcome stories from Veterans of all ages, with a new theme each year and also highlighting memorabilia held by Branches.

Q. Do you want interesting stories or photos with captions of memorabilia for the 2026 book?

A. Absolutely! Use your creativity and explore your Branch for interesting artifacts with stories, and be sure to take a picture.

Recognizing our Veterans is important to us all. Let's support this project and make the 2026 publication successful and memorable. If you have any ideas you would like to see in the book, please let us know at info@legionbcyukon.ca.

In Comradeship,

Michelle

BC/YUKON COMMAND MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK SUBMISSION FORM



TWO EASY WAYS TO SUBMIT:

By e-mail: info@legionbcyukon.ca

By mail to: BC/Yukon Command, 503-1766S 66A Ave, Surrey BC, V3S 2A7

ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH HERE | DO NOT FAX

NAME OF PERSON RECOGNIZED

LAST NAME

GIVEN NAMES

PLACE OF BIRTH

YEAR OF BIRTH

YEAR OF DEATH

SERVICE

☐ GREAT WAR/FIRST WORLD WAR

☐ SECOND WORLD WAR

☐ KOREA

☐ AFGHANISTAN

☐ PEACEKEEPING/UN/NATO

☐ RCMP

OTHER

BRANCH OF SERVICE

☐ ARMY

☐ AIR FORCE

☐ NAVY

☐ RCMP

☐ MERCHANT NAVY

OTHER

SERVICE UNIT

AREAS OF SERVICE/THEATRE OF OPERATIONS

FOR EXAMPLE, PPCLI, 408 SQDN., HMCS KAMLOOPS

KILLED IN ACTION

FOR EXAMPLE: CANADA, NORTH ATLANTIC, SICILY, CYPRUS

YEAR OF DEATH

LOCATION
(IF KNOWN)

LEGION MEMBER LEGION SERVICE RECORD

☐ YES

NAME

BRANCH NUMBER(S)

YEARS OF SERVICE

☐ NO

PERSON SUBMITTING APPLICATION (CONTACT INFO.)

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

LEGION BRANCH

PHONE

EMAIL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- USE ONE FORM FOR EACH VETERAN SUBMITTED
- IF SENDING BY MAIL, ATTACH SUBMISSION TO THIS FORM
- IF SENDING BY EMAIL, SEND SUBMISSION AS AN ATTACHED WORD DOCUMENT ALONG WITH THIS FORM AND PHOTOS