

July 2026

In This Month's Blazer:



Monthly Spotlight

The Legion Centenary

Centenary Events at Your Local Legion



This July and beyond, several Legion Branches across British Columbia and the Yukon are organizing a variety of events and projects in honour of The Royal Canadian Legion's 100th Anniversary! Throughout the region, Legion Branches are planning community BBQs and picnics, commemorative ceremonies and parades, performances by pipe bands and local music groups, special meat draws, educational displays, family-friendly activities, and more!

Click the button below to download the **Centenary Event Calendar**, where you can learn all about the upcoming commemorative events happening at your local Legion Branch.

The calendar is also available to download on our website, also linked below. To promote a Centenary event or project at your Legion Branch, and add it to our calendar, please email info@legionbcyukon.ca.

[Download the Centenary Event Calendar](#)

Visit our Contemporary Webpage

"Bravo Zulu," the Centenary Whisky



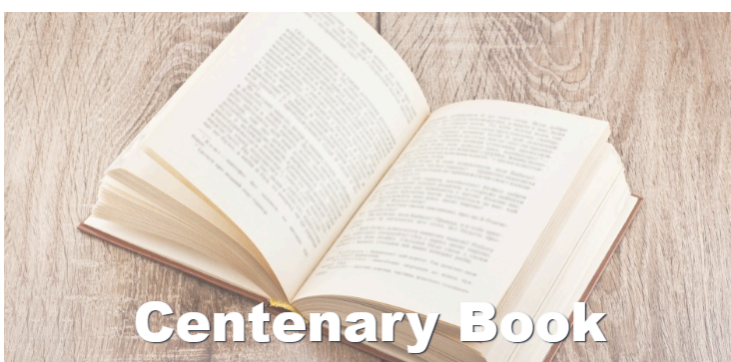
In early March, BC/Yukon Command partnered with Tumbleweed Spirits Distillery to introduce "Bravo Zulu," Command's official Centenary Whisky. **As of now, Bravo Zulu is close to selling out of the first 1,000 bottles.** We encourage those who are interested in purchasing a bottle to place an order as soon as possible, before they are no longer available. While a second run is possible, another run of Bravo Zulu with serial numbers is probably unlikely.

Bravo Zulu can either be shipped directly to your home, or picked up at Tumbleweed Spirits Distillery in Osoyoos, BC. Legion Branches can also purchase Bravo Zulu to be sold at the Branch – however, Branches will need to contact the distillery directly first, as liquor regulations must be considered.

To purchase a bottle, please click the button below. Legion Branches, please reach out to Tumbleweed Spirits Distillery at (778) 437-2221 if you are interested in having a bottle for sale at the Branch

Order Bravo Zulu

The 100th Anniversary Book



Thank you to every Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary who submitted an article for BC/Yukon Command's 100th Anniversary Book!

The book is currently in the editing stages!
Submissions are being formatted and additional
sections are being written and proofread

Articles in their final format are also being emailed to Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries for the opportunity to give the section one final look before the book goes to print.

- If you have not received a PDF copy of your Branch or LA's finalized article by **July 13, 2026**, please reach out to lindsay.petrie@legionbcyukon.ca.
- If you have received a PDF copy of the finalized article, and have replied with revision requests, please allow some time for an updated article to be sent by email. However, if you have still not received an updated article or response by **July 20, 2026**, please reach out to lindsay.petrie@legionbcyukon.ca.

What's Next? Once the book is fully formatted, edited, and proofread, it will be sent to print in early August. A memo will go out with details on how to access the book this fall – both digitally and in print. Print copies will be available for distribution to Legion Branches in early October this year! Please stay tuned for additional updates regarding this commemorative publication. We look forward to sharing it with all of you!

Pull tabs available while supplies last, at participating Legion and hospitality locations in BC.

Important Dates



July

GWVA Adopts Poppy as Symbol of Remembrance (July 1921)

July 1 - Canada Day - *Stat* (Legion supports Operation Canada Day)

July 1 - Beaumont Hamel (1916)

July 1 - Repatriation of Unknown Newfoundland Soldier (2024)

July 7 - Canada Ceases Combat Operations in Afghanistan (2011)

July 17 - **100th Anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion** (1926)

July 26 - Legion Leads Pilgrimage to Vimy Unveiling (1936)

July 27 - Korean War Armistice (1953)

August

August 7-9 - National Youth Track & Field Championships

August 9 - Canadian Peacekeepers Day

August 15 - Victory in the Pacific Day (1945)

August 19 - Dieppe Raid (1942)

August 22-26 - Congrès National de la Légion à Winnipeg (2026)

Provincial Golf Tournament Reminder: Monday, July 6, 2026

The 2026 Provincial Golf Tournament, hosted by the Cloverdale Legion, will take place at the Guildford Golf & Country Club this coming Monday. Please refer to Circular 28.26 for more information.



July Branch Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary to These Legion Branches!

#11 Trail - *Celebrating 100 Years with the Legion!*

#109 Gibsons - *Celebrating 96 Years!*

#147 Sayward Valley - *Celebrating 91 Years!*

#261 Forest Grove - *Celebrating 66 Years!*

#262 Bella Coola - *Celebrating 66 Years!*

#294 UBC Campus - *Celebrating 6 Years!*



Legion Membership

Over 70,000 Members Strong!

**Celebrating 70,000+ Legion Members
in BC/Yukon Command!**

In June, **over 70,000 members** in British Columbia and the Yukon either joined the Legion or renewed their membership in 2026!

Behind Ontario Command, BC/Yukon Command is the second-largest Provincial Command in Canada. Together, let us continue to grow and strengthen our membership, making an even bigger difference in the lives of Veterans, their families, and our communities.



BC/Yukon Command Membership Report: June 30, 2026

- New Memberships in 2026: 328.79% (31,593 New Members) - *Welcome, everyone!*
- Paid Memberships in 2026: 140.39% (71,974 Paid Members)
- Renewals in 2026: 78.77% (40,381 Members Renewed)



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BC/Yukon Command



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Celebrate Canada 50/50 Raffle

The clock is ticking to get your tickets for the Celebrate Canada 50/50 Raffle. One lucky winner will take home half the jackpot, while every ticket purchased helps support the Legion Foundation's Leave the Streets Behind Program, providing critical support to Veterans experiencing homelessness and advancing the work to prevent and end Veteran homelessness.

Draw Date: Monday, July 6th at 10:00am. Tickets are 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20 and 8 for \$50 and can be purchased online by clicking the button below.

Legion Charity Baseball Tournament: Registration Now Open!

Join the Legion Foundation for a fun weekend of slo-pitch at the upcoming Legion Charity Baseball Tournament in Aldergrove, BC over the August long weekend!

Dates: August 1 - 3, 2026
Location: Philip Jackman Park
32 Avenue & 271 Street (Aldergrove, BC)

Team Registration Fee: \$450 per team
Deposit Due: \$200 per team
Registration Deadline: July 15, 2026

This tournament is being organized in support of the Legion Foundation BC/Yukon Command, and all proceeds will support Veterans and Veteran-serving programs across British Columbia and Yukon. **Register your team today** by emailing: kkhobbis@gmail.com

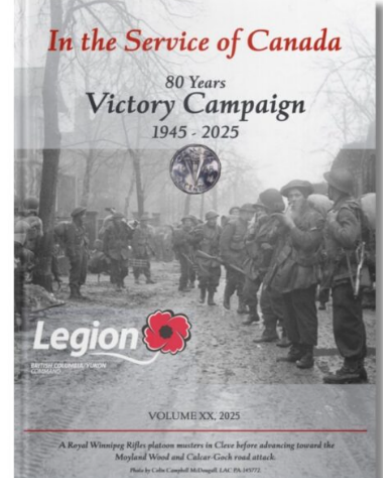


Summer 50/50 Raffle

All proceeds will benefit our Leave the Streets Behind program for Veterans in need.

[Enter the 50/50 Raffle](#)

Call for Submissions: *In the Service of Canada*



Pictured above: 2025 Volume of *In the Service of Canada*.

Every year, BC/Yukon Command publishes *In the Service of Canada* as a tribute to our Veterans, past and present. Previously titled *The Military Service Recognition Book*, each volume features photos and stories of Canada's Veterans. This year's volume will be published digitally, just ahead of Remembrance Day.

Everyone is welcome to submit a story, including Veterans, service personnel, relatives, and friends. The deadline for story and photo submissions is **August 31, 2026**, which can be emailed to info@legionbcyukon.ca. Please also include a completed MSRB Submission Form with your entry, which can be downloaded by clicking the button below.

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.

[Download the MSRB Submission Form](#)

Legionnaires at Scotfest BC

In June 2026, Scotfest BC took place at Town Centre Park in Coquitlam, BC. Several Legionnaires attended the event, spreading the word about the Legion's mission and Centenary Year.

On Saturday, June 20, the Legion Centennial Pipes & Drums Band, along with the Legion Centennial Colour Guard and Command President Bob Underhill, led a salute to the 100th Anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion, marching onto Piper's Field in the afternoon. Also present were staff of both BC/Yukon Command and the Legion Foundation, who set up a shared booth adorned with balloons, frisbees, and informational pamphlets. Throughout the weekend, staff were greeted by both Legion members and members of the public.



Branch Business

Training Opportunities

Branch Operations Virtual Drop-In Session

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 10:00am PST (1 Hour)

Location: Online

About: Open to all Legion members. A virtual drop-in session to ask questions and discuss any Branch operations matters. Please email info@legionbcyukon.ca to register.

This fall, BC/Yukon Command will launch a full schedule of training sessions that will cover a variety of topics. Stay tuned for updates!

Branch #8 White Rock Creates Tribute Wall

This year, the White Rock Legion added a new dedicated Tribute Wall at the Branch, recognizing Veterans of the Second World War.



Branch #20 Nakusp Awards Bursaries

On Saturday, June 13, the Nakusp Legion attended a local graduation ceremony, where bursaries were awarded to six graduating students. Harvey P. Truax, Branch President, presented the awards. Congratulations, graduates!



Branch #52 Kamloops Congratulates Youth Remembrance Contests Winners

In May, during the general meeting, the Kamloops Legion presented awards to students who placed first at the local level in the 2025-2026 Youth Remembrance Contests.



Pictured above, from left to right: James McGhee, Executive Member; Val Davidson, Poppy Chair; Mike Young, Branch President; and Brenda Thomson, Branch Secretary and BC/Yukon Command Chair; along with the student winners.

Branch #60 West Vancouver Congratulates Winners of Youth Remembrance Contests

The West Vancouver Legion recently congratulated students who placed or received an Honourable Mention in the 2025 - 2026 Youth Remembrance Contests. Out of their nine winners, five were able to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Branch.



Pictured above, from left to right: Bill Woods, Branch President; with winners and honourable mentions of the 2025 - 2026 Youth Remembrance Contests at the Branch, Zone, and National Levels.



Pictured above: Ziyu Candace Li's Junior Colour Poster, which won 1st Place at the National Level.

Branch #61 Delta - Ladner Gives Back to the Community

The Delta - Ladner Legion made two recent donations to youth sports within their community, supporting both the Delta Inferno Youth Fastball Team and the Delta Blue Jay Youth Baseball Team.



Branch #96 Merritt Receives Handmade Quilt

In May, the Merritt Quilt Guild Legion group donated a beautiful quilt to the Branch to use as a raffle prize.



Pictured above, from left to right: Pat Carroll; Yvonne Lord; Lila Bodnar, Branch Treasurer; Leslie Flemming; and Alphonse L'Abbe, Branch President.

Branch #179 Grandview-Collingwood Awards

Lifetime Membership



On May 31, 2026, a Lifetime Membership Award was given to Diane Janes, President of the Grandview - Collingwood Legion.

The award was officially presented by Bob Underhill, President of BC/Yukon Command.

Congratulations to Diane, and thank you for your dedication and meaningful service to the Legion and your Branch.

Branch #256 Mount Benson Congratulates Lifetime Members

During the general meeting on Sunday, May 24, the Mount Benson Legion presented Lifetime Membership Awards to two of their members: Comrade Cyril Gallant and Executive Member Robert (Bob) Sears. Congratulations, Comrades!



Pictured above, from left to right: Laurie Grubb, Past President; George Molnar, Branch President; Cyril Gallant, Lifetime Membership Recipient; and Lew Forth, 2nd VP.



Pictured above, from left to right: Laurie Grubb, Past President; Robert (Bob) Sears, Lifetime Membership Recipient; and George Molnar, Branch President.

Want to see your Legion Branch in the next newsletter?

Branch Executives can email photos & stories to: lindsay.petrie@legionbcyukon.ca by **Friday, July 24, 2026.**

Memo Summary

- May**
- 33.26 - Branch Non-Profit Organization Information Return T1044
 - 34.26 - Upcoming Training Sessions - May & June 2026
 - 35.26 - Resignation of Command Treasurer
 - 36.26 - Standardized Process for Poppy Fund Financial Assistance
 - 37.26 - Ladies Auxiliary Updates and Reminders
 - 38.26 - Legion Dress Clarification
 - 39.26 - 2026 Dominion Convention Reminders
 - 40.26 - 2026 Poppy, Wreath, and Promotional Material Price Lists

- June**
- 41.26 - 2026 Military Service Recognition Book
 - 42.26 - Appointment of Command Treasurer
 - 43.26 - Legion Magazine and Blazer Newsletter - Submission Guidelines
 - 44.26 - Call for Proposals - New Horizons for Seniors Program
 - 45.26 - 2026 Poppy Campaign – Request Your Pay Tribute Poppy Boxes
 - 46.26 - Call to Host 2027 & 2028 Provincial Sports Playdowns
 - 47.26 - Call to Host 2027 & 2028 Provincial Sports Playdowns - Updated

[Download Memos from Branch Corner](#)

The BC/Yukon Command acknowledges it carries out its work on the traditional territories of Indigenous nations throughout British Columbia and Yukon.

We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, descendants and custodians of these lands. We honour the knowledge keepers and the continuing relationships with Indigenous peoples in BC that develop through our work together. The BC/Yukon Command is grateful to the sq̓əciyaʔł təməxʷ (Katzie), sc̓əwaθenaʔł təməxʷ (Tsawwassen), Kwantlen, Á,LENENEŁ ŁTE (W̱SÁNEĆ), Semiahmoo, S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō), and Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla First Nations, on whose traditional territories we operate our main office.

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