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| |  | | --- | | **In this edition – March 2020** | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Join your Comrades at Dominion Convention 2020!** | | The Legion’s 48th Dominion Convention will be held in Saskatoon, SK from 22–27 August 2020. | | The Convention Call, mailed to every Branch, includes everything you need to know to help with your planning. This information is also available online. | | In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, Legion National Headquarters is developing a preparedness plan to address the potential operational impact on the 2020 Convention. We are continually monitoring Public Health Agency of Canada for updates as they re-assess the situation throughout the country. At this time, Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is taking place as planned. Should these updates necessitate a change in our plans, immediate communication throughout the organization will occur. | | Please see the link below for more information and updates. | | [**View Convention Information  ‣**](http://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/dominion-convention) | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Host a Legion OSI program at your Branch** | | The Royal Canadian Legion Operational Stress Injury Special Section (Legion OSI) recently launched two programs aimed at supporting Veterans and their families: [Buddy Check Coffee](https://www.legion.ca/news/2020/02/11/veterans-helping-veterans-with-the-legion-s-osi-buddy-check-coffee) and [Operation VetBuild](https://www.legion.ca/news/2019/06/16/the-royal-canadian-legion-launches-operation-vetbuild). | | Buddy Check Coffee is a Veteran-run peer program offering comradeship in a relaxed environment, encouraging Veterans to connect and support each other. Operation VetBuild is a veteran-to-veteran peer support program that incorporates hobbies such as plastic scale model building as a means to alleviate the symptoms of OSIs and PTSD. Watch [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUv-CgTl0Y4) to learn more. | | Legion OSI is looking for Branches and members to host and coordinate these programs for Veterans in their community. For information, contact: | | **Buddy Coffee Check:** [chris.richardson@bsovetsosi.com](mailto:chris.richardson@bsovetsosi.com) or [joe.elliott@bsovetsosi.com](mailto:joe.elliott@bsovetsosi.com) | | **Operation VetBuild:** [ovb@bsovetsosi.com](mailto:ovb@bsovetsosi.com) | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Host a 2022 Member Sports Championship** | | The Dominion Command Sports Committee is calling for Branch applications to host any one of the 2022 Dominion Member Sports Championships:   * Cribbage: Friday 22 April – Monday 25 April 2022 * Darts: Friday 29 April – Monday 2 May 2022 * Eight Ball: Friday 27 May – Monday 30 May 2022 | |
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| |  | | --- | | **The application deadline to Provincial Commands is July 31, 2020.** | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Facebook Town Hall with the Legion Dominion President** | | Have you heard? Dominion President, Thomas D. Irvine, CD, will be conducting a Q&A session live-streamed on Facebook on April 27, 2:00-3:00 pm EST. Don't miss your chance to get your questions answered by Tom, along with Dominion Command Senior Executive Officers and Committee Chairs. | | Submit your questions to [townhall@legion.ca](mailto:townhall@legion.ca) by April 23 at midnight and tune in on April 27 for the live Q&A here: Facebook.com/CanadianLegion. | | [RSVP here](https://www.facebook.com/events/2731895363525574/) to ensure you get a Facebook reminder of the event! | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Branch Membership Administration** | | **Resources and tips to support your Membership Chair.** | | Branches can login to **portal.legion.ca** with the username and password provided. | | **View members who renewed online** | | Over 30,000 members have renewed their membership online. Membership Chairs can check to see if their members have renewed online by logging in to their Branch home page on the [Member Services Website](https://portal.legion.ca/) and clicking on Reports under ‘IN THIS SECTION’. Open the report titled *Membership – Branch Online Member Reports*. | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Get access to Marketing and PR resources** | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Your Legion calendar: April – May 2020** | | Promote important dates and organize activities at your Branch with this list of upcoming days that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate an important topic. | | [**DOWNLOAD THE CALENDAR  ‣**](http://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/marketing-and-public-relations/national-notable-dates-2020_english.pdf) | | **Lower your flags on Vimy Ridge Day – April 9** | | The Legion joins federal, provincial and municipal institutions in lowering the Canadian flag from sunrise to sunset on Thursday, April 9 in observance of Vimy Ridge Day. The day honours and remembers those who fought during the fierce Battle of Vimy Ridge in France in 1917, a defining moment for Canada as soldiers from several divisions battled together. | |
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| [alt_text](https://shop.legionmagazine.com/product/ww-ii-75th-anniversary-poster-liberation-of-the-netherlands-1945-2020/) |
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