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| |  | | --- | | Forward this email to your Branch Executives, Committee Members and other members to keep them up-to-date on important updates and information. | | All Branch emails are also available on the [Member Services Website](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AOA%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=Hr48rGAuaTjOIidavtNAKw) | |
| |  | | --- | | **In this edition – August 2020** | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Financial support for Legion Branches** | | Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command continues to press the federal government for urgent financial relief for Legion Branches struggling due to the pandemic. While we have yet to see any program that all branches are eligible for, we are encouraged by recent communication from government that a new aid package is in the works that will include support for Legions. We will keep Branches updated on any new developments. | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AOQ%3AYnJhbmNoc3Vw%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY3R2bmV3cy5jYS9wb2xpdGljcy9tb3JlLXRoYW4tMTUwLWxlZ2lvbi1icmFuY2hlcy1mYWNlLXBlcm1hbmVudC1jbG9zdXJlLWhvcGUtZm9yLWZlZGVyYWwtc3VwcG9ydC0xLjUwMzE0MzA_X2NsZGVlPVpXeHNaVzUzYjJ4bWJXRmpiR1Z2WkVCbmJXRnBiQzVqYjIwJTNkJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWFjY291bnQtNDQxMmVhY2ExNDRiZTYxMTgwZDJjMjI0MTI1Mzc0MDgtYWQxZTE2NWE0NmIyNDY5ZTkxNjFiYjdiY2ZmNTgwMTQmZXNpZD1mN2Y1NjY1ZS0wNmRjLWVhMTEtODEwOC0wMDUwNTZhMmU3NmQ&K=apTuYD_ri0qjg-HOuY84Uw) | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Online Branch Fundraising** | | As communicated on March 20, 2020, due to financial struggles relating to the pandemic, Section 129 of the General Bylaws was rescinded until further notice to allow Branches to fundraise online for operational costs. | | For those wishing to set up GoFundMe campaigns, GoFundMe has provided the following information to simplify set up and withdrawal of donations: | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTA%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=c7hUR_bBXUhyo9cIXvT3cQ) | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Get ready to welcome new members online** | | Starting October 1, 2020, new members will be able to [register online directly to a local Legion Branch](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTE%3AYnJhbmNocmVn%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=-uvpQFKGD_lFt3Ba9XrPrQ). If you have questions on how to use the Legion Member Services Website, contact Member Services. We are here to help! | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Bring your lapsed members back** | | Updated member renewal letters are now available for Branches! These printed letters include space to provide your Branch contact information and renewal fees. Send them to your members to remind them when it’s time to renew. | | You can order free through the Legion Supply Department or [download and print](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTI%3AbGFwc21lbQ%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=FCQi8pRrBEoMsU3Lto4rCg) copies. | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Reminder: Find out if your Branch qualifies for the Legion’s class action lawsuit** | | This June, Lerners LLP has filed a proposed class-action lawsuit on behalf of Legion Branches against Aviva Insurance for denying coverage of lost business income due to COVID-19. This lawsuit applies to all Branches outside of British Columbia – don’t forget to check whether or not your Branch qualifies! | | If you would like to get involved or learn more, please read the FAQ prepared by our legal team to see if your Branch qualifies and how you can participate. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the FAQ  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTM%3AYWN0bGF3%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=jR9-O4wjP4Es_l7iRgLdtg) | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the announcement  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTQ%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=bUzPP84unjNJH0TUbccodQ) | | | | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Legion National Headquarters returning to the office** | | As Ontario enters Stage 3 of re-opening, Legion Headquarters staff will be gradually returning to the Ottawa office starting in August. During this transition period, staff will alternate working in the office and working from home. | | As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, Provinces and Territories are beginning to reopen. Be sure to let your Provincial Command know your Branch status and plans. The latest Legion national updates are available online at [Legion.ca/covid-19](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTU%3AcmV0dXJub2Zm%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_YT1odHRwJTNhJTJmJTJmd3d3LmxlZ2lvbi5jYSUyZmNvdmlkLTE5JmM9RSwxLDBaeXdFWm9Ncmg3U0g3aGo3QjQxQTZXaTBZUnBRbnBtbXZLcENEUmJ2OTduaU5SVXVjekRKSGRobHhZeEhkMEZBekVRbDQ4Y3BCOWhHS2FLQ1VSb2FXTDZTa0tQMnZNakFJQTdXM3hzRVhzLCZ0eXBvPTEmX2NsZGVlPVpXeHNaVzUzYjJ4bWJXRmpiR1Z2WkVCbmJXRnBiQzVqYjIwJTNkJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWFjY291bnQtNDQxMmVhY2ExNDRiZTYxMTgwZDJjMjI0MTI1Mzc0MDgtYWQxZTE2NWE0NmIyNDY5ZTkxNjFiYjdiY2ZmNTgwMTQmZXNpZD1mN2Y1NjY1ZS0wNmRjLWVhMTEtODEwOC0wMDUwNTZhMmU3NmQ&K=e1AlEU58ycwN4n_TCHfjEg). | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Dominion Poppy Funds presented to national Veterans organizations** | | The Dominion Executive Committee approved the disbursement of $225,000 from the Dominion Poppy Trust Fund to three organizations in 2020, providing funding for national initiatives that support Veterans and their families. | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTY%3AcG9wZG9t%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=79SCfbQwJ1zmWK5IEKqx7Q) | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Branch Membership Administration** | | ***Resources and tips to support your Membership Chair*** | | **We are here to help!** | | The Member Services Department continues to serve Branches and members, Monday through Friday, 8:30–4:00 pm EST by email and by phone. | | **2021 Renewal Stickers** | | The 2021 membership card renewal stickers will arrive at Branches the week of August 24. | | **2021 Per Capita rates** | | There are no changes to 2021 per capita tax rates. The 2021 rates are effective September 1, 2020 and are [available on the membership website](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTc%3AYnJhbmNtZW1i%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=vMJJK9tncgHT4rWWlzpzhQ). | | **Keep your members connected** | | The COVID-19 crisis has made it clear that times are changing. Online information and services have become more important. Are you and your members receiving the monthly members newsletter? Make sure your members’ emails addresses are on their member profile, or email them to us. | | **Sign up for Direct Deposits from Legion National Headquarters** | | Sign up to receive Branch payments from Legion National Headquarters through direct deposit to your bank account by completing the attached [Direct Deposit Form](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTg%3AZGlyZWN0ZGVw%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_&K=SAKAwjGncIVRw4V9UMPe6g). No more bank runs or waiting for your cheque to arrive! Simply download and complete the form and email it to [DirectDeposit@legion.ca](mailto:DirectDeposit@legion.ca). | | For questions, please contact Tiffany Patterson at the Legion National Headquarters Finance Department by calling 613-591-3335 ext. 262. | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Promote MemberPerks®** | | The Legion’s new MemberPerks® program is a great way to attract new members and offer current members huge savings and deals! Make sure you’re promoting the program at your Branch to help Legions members save $1000s a year! | | Plus, you can offer your members even more value by inviting local retailers, services and restaurants in your area to participate. | |
| |  | | --- | |  | | **PR Tip of the Month** | | **Online Q&A resource** | | The [Legion.ca](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMTk%3AbWVtYnBlcms%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_YT1odHRwcyUzYSUyZiUyZkxlZ2lvbi5jYSZjPUUsMSxXNk1kb0VIZEVaeXpSb1QwUWhyMFlfcFpEWFU4aVRqOUNEalJyWkcwZDJIZGhycHNZUi05MEZTSzBNWGNwTkFaaWlrclVmN2JhTEtwTHZLamZWYk9seGxoallzYVNTaW16eWFqZ25jd1ZiNm9FR2VCQWlXclVRLCwmdHlwbz0xJl9jbGRlZT1aV3hzWlc1M2IyeG1iV0ZqYkdWdlpFQm5iV0ZwYkM1amIyMCUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1hY2NvdW50LTQ0MTJlYWNhMTQ0YmU2MTE4MGQyYzIyNDEyNTM3NDA4LWFkMWUxNjVhNDZiMjQ2OWU5MTYxYmI3YmNmZjU4MDE0JmVzaWQ9ZjdmNTY2NWUtMDZkYy1lYTExLTgxMDgtMDA1MDU2YTJlNzZk&K=0RsE5FzUtPd0B53CUo23RA) website now has a national Question & Answer section. Feel free to refer people there for general questions about the Legion, and consider creating a local version if your Branch has a member website. | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMjA%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_YT1odHRwcyUzYSUyZiUyZmxlZ2lvbi5jYSUyZndoby13ZS1hcmUlMmZxdWVzdGlvbnMtYW5kLWFuc3dlcnMmYz1FLDEsZnR5UVVhVmdDWm40R3A4cU1sMnZnaEpQLWx4c1l4ODBUZXhTd05wZ2JIeHBZckVCWHZkdDdvM2RrU1VwMGc0YmdPcVdMTVBNTWw5SVUwZjlTd25wNmRzTl9rNFR1cTd1a2J5UzZ5Sm05bHhKRlpaYnB1YmFhN28sJnR5cG89MSZfY2xkZWU9Wld4c1pXNTNiMnhtYldGamJHVnZaRUJuYldGcGJDNWpiMjAlM2QmcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9YWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNCZlc2lkPWY3ZjU2NjVlLTA2ZGMtZWExMS04MTA4LTAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZA&K=DGQGHk1rEtXzyYHfym0Fgw) | | Have questions or need advice? Contact your [Command Public Relations Officer](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=Mjg4MzI5MjM%3AMDItYjIwMjI1LTYyZDYwYjFlZGY5MjQwNTQ5NWIxZDdlNDliM2JhMDBl%3AZWxsZW53b2xmbWFjbGVvZEBnbWFpbC5jb20%3AYWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMjE%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcHJvdGVjdC5jdWRhc3ZjLmNvbS91cmw_YT1odHRwJTNhJTJmJTJmd3d3LmxlZ2lvbi5jYSUyZmNvbnRhY3QtdXMlMmZwcm92aW5jaWFsLWNvbW1hbmRzJmM9RSwxLFItMEVadWpvM2FNUk16TGFBdmlmSUNXMV9yVUU1Q3dHQlpybDNiZ3F0bmZfU1BjWGY4NmxDYnlmUHE2V0lueEFiLU13ajRBLTVWejFHQkcxVDB3NUxubGhCZmg3TnJCWXE5YjlscGRHVTBwS2dBc1hHUSwsJnR5cG89MSZfY2xkZWU9Wld4c1pXNTNiMnhtYldGamJHVnZaRUJuYldGcGJDNWpiMjAlM2QmcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9YWNjb3VudC00NDEyZWFjYTE0NGJlNjExODBkMmMyMjQxMjUzNzQwOC1hZDFlMTY1YTQ2YjI0NjllOTE2MWJiN2JjZmY1ODAxNCZlc2lkPWY3ZjU2NjVlLTA2ZGMtZWExMS04MTA4LTAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZA&K=GiSFnrWNvT1boWXh9l-APQ) or Nujma Bond, | |