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calendar](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#m_-4112972190550225882_legioncal) | | **>** | [Messages from affiliated organizations](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#m_-4112972190550225882__partnerpromos) | | | | | | | | | | Berkley Lawrence speaking at the Dominion Convention. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Meet the new Dominion President** | | The Royal Canadian Legion has elected Berkley Lawrence as the new Dominion President during the organization’s 49th Dominion Convention held in Saint John, New Brunswick from August 25-28. “I’m proud of the work our organization has achieved to date, and I look forward to more positive growth as we continue to focus on the needs of our Veterans,” said Lawrence, upon his installation as the new leader. “I’m honoured to be elected.” You can read more in [**this news article**](https://elink.clickdimensions.). | | The Convention was a success in modernization. It marked the first time we had on-site electronic voting, allowing for the collection of delegate votes and the announcement of results within minutes. It was the first in-person Convention where the Committee Reports and Resolutions Book was provided to delegates in electronic format, minimizing our environmental footprint and reducing costs. We also introduced the Convention App that was used successfully not only for the electronic voting process, but to provide information on activities, facilities and more to support delegate participation. | | Videos from Convention workshops, guest speakers and the installation ceremony area available for viewing. | | [**View videos  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.-DtEvhPGIaSJbAJQ) | | With these successes, we are looking forward to the 2026 Convention in Winnipeg for The Royal Canadian Legion’s 100th anniversary! | | | | Members sharing what they love about their Legion branch. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Tell us what you love about your Legion Branch!** | | Legion National Headquarters is inviting all Branches to share videos about your local Legion. Tell us what you love about your Branch so that we can share it to help promote the work you do and encourage Canadians to join. | | There are three topics to choose from:  ·     What your Branch does for Veterans  ·     What your Branch does for the community  ·     What your members love about your Branch | | Make a video about one topic... or make videos on all three! | | Use this [QR Code](https://elink.clickdimensions.) to record your short video. | | QR code. | | The easy‑to‑use technology will guide you through the simple steps to record, edit and share your story. | | We can’t wait to hear about your Branch, the work you do for Veterans and your community, and the fun and camaraderie your members enjoy. | | | | Grassy field lined with UK and Canadian flags and poppies. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Call for Applications for the Pilgrimage of Remembrance 2025** | | The Legion National Foundation is now accepting applications for Legion members to represent their Provincial Command and the Legion in the 2025 Pilgrimage of Remembrance, July 5–19, 2025. Selected individuals will experience and share a once‑in‑a‑lifetime journey visiting the battlegrounds, museums, commemorations, and final resting places of soldiers who fought in and around Normandy, France and Belgium. | | See the attached memo for details. Applications are completed online at, [**https://lnfcanada.ca/our-work/pilgrimage-of-remembrance/**](https://elink.clickdimensions.), and must be received by 31 October 2024 for consideration. | | [**2025 Pilgrimage memo  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/7/eyJhaSI6Mjg4MzI5MjMsImUiOiJwc3dlZW55QG9uLmxlZ2lvbi5jYSIsInJpIjoibGVhZC0wNzdiNzVmOGNhZTVlZDExODE1YjAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZC0xZDE1MWEyMzUzNTc0YTMyYTdhYWFiOWY1OTU1YjY1MSIsInJxIjoiMDItYjI0Mjc2LTdiOTZhYWYzYTAwYTQyY2U4MGVhZjZiY2NmNzM0ZjYwIiwibSI6ZmFsc2UsInVpIjoiMTMiLCJ1biI6IiIsInUiOiJodHRwczovL2VkbS1hc3NldHMtdjIuczMudXMtd2VzdC0yLmFtYXpvbmF3cy5jb20vbGVnaW9uLzg1ODRfTGVnaW9uX0Rpc3BhdGNoX1NlcHQyMDI0LzIwMjVfUGlsZ3JpbWFnZV9vZl9SZW1lbWJyYW5jZV9DYWxsX2Zvcl9BcHBsaWNhdGlvbl9NZW1vLUJpbC5wZGY_X2NsZGVlPVlCbkowVC01NmJFZ2l0bEVkQWhLNlIyNEJtSXRXUm9vOEpTT19NeXczNzVHR1hfdzdDb3NlbGt0VWFHcU1hSFomcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9bGVhZC0wNzdiNzVmOGNhZTVlZDExODE1YjAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZC0xZDE1MWEyMzUzNTc0YTMyYTdhYWFiOWY1OTU1YjY1MSZlc2lkPWY4NzFmM2Y3LWE3N2EtZWYxMS04MjY2LTAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZCJ9/AzBho_3NUjKmCdFQ47FpKw) | | | | MSM medal, left, Palm Leaf, centre, and MSA medal. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Application for MSM, MSA and Palm Leaf** | | There is an updated approval process and application form for MSM, MSA and Palm Leaf applications. | | [**View notice of amendment  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/7/eyJhaSI6Mjg4MzI5MjMsImUiOiJwc3dlZW55QG9uLmxlZ2lvbi5jYSIsInJpIjoibGVhZC0wNzdiNzVmOGNhZTVlZDExODE1YjAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZC0xZDE1MWEyMzUzNTc0YTMyYTdhYWFiOWY1OTU1YjY1MSIsInJxIjoiMDItYjI0Mjc2LTdiOTZhYWYzYTAwYTQyY2U4MGVhZjZiY2NmNzM0ZjYwIiwibSI6ZmFsc2UsInVpIjoiMTQiLCJ1biI6Il9mb3VyIiwidSI6Imh0dHBzOi8vcG9ydGFsLmxlZ2lvbi5jYS9kb2NzL2RlZmF1bHQtc291cmNlL2JyYW5jaC1hbmQtY29tbWFuZC1yZXNvdXJjZXMvcml0dWFsLWF3YXJkcy1wcm90b2NvbC8yNzY2XzAwMS5wZGY_X2NsZGVlPVlCbkowVC01NmJFZ2l0bEVkQWhLNlIyNEJtSXRXUm9vOEpTT19NeXczNzVHR1hfdzdDb3NlbGt0VWFHcU1hSFomcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9bGVhZC0wNzdiNzVmOGNhZTVlZDExODE1YjAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZC0xZDE1MWEyMzUzNTc0YTMyYTdhYWFiOWY1OTU1YjY1MSZlc2lkPWY4NzFmM2Y3LWE3N2EtZWYxMS04MjY2LTAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZCJ9/ZbJmwqDJB6yFwY3St8Tx9w) | | [**View updated application form  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/7/eyJhaSI6Mjg4MzI5MjMsImUiOiJwc3dlZW55QG9uLmxlZ2lvbi5jYSIsInJpIjoibGVhZC0wNzdiNzVmOGNhZTVlZDExODE1YjAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZC0xZDE1MWEyMzUzNTc0YTMyYTdhYWFiOWY1OTU1YjY1MSIsInJxIjoiMDItYjI0Mjc2LTdiOTZhYWYzYTAwYTQyY2U4MGVhZjZiY2NmNzM0ZjYwIiwibSI6ZmFsc2UsInVpIjoiMTUiLCJ1biI6IiIsInUiOiJodHRwczovL3BvcnRhbC5sZWdpb24uY2EvZG9jcy9kZWZhdWx0LXNvdXJjZS9icmFuY2gtYW5kLWNvbW1hbmQtcmVzb3VyY2VzL3JpdHVhbC1hd2FyZHMtcHJvdG9jb2wvbXNtX21zYWF3YXJkX2VuZy5wZGY_X2NsZGVlPVlCbkowVC01NmJFZ2l0bEVkQWhLNlIyNEJtSXRXUm9vOEpTT19NeXczNzVHR1hfdzdDb3NlbGt0VWFHcU1hSFomcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9bGVhZC0wNzdiNzVmOGNhZTVlZDExODE1YjAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZC0xZDE1MWEyMzUzNTc0YTMyYTdhYWFiOWY1OTU1YjY1MSZlc2lkPWY4NzFmM2Y3LWE3N2EtZWYxMS04MjY2LTAwNTA1NmEyZTc2ZCJ9/B4cPrj9WF-ZSZ7GkJJEutQ) | | | | A piggy bank next to a wooden family of four. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **How to handle Poppy Fund assistance to currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces** | | There are administrative orders and directives set by the Canadian Armed Forces to address currently serving members with financial situations. Poppy Funds may not be granted to a currently serving member without guidance from a SISIP financial counsellor. If a currently serving member applies for financial assistance with you or your Branch, the best course of action is to re‑direct the member to the SISIP financial counsellor on base, the military family resource centre or their local CAF chaplain’s office. Should the financial counsellor on base deem that Poppy Funds would benefit the member, the SISIP counsellor will reach out to the appropriate command office to discuss the case. | | Please ensure the Branch Service Officer and Branch Poppy Fund administrator review the [**full details in this pdf**](https://elink.clickdimensions.-uYGHgBn6DA48w). | | | | Sgt. Cummings at a podium speaking to a crowd. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Want to hear from CAF members this Veterans’ Week?** | | Did you know that the Department of National Defence offers Canadians an opportunity to bring history to life and hear stories of our Veterans as part of the National Veterans’ Week Speakers Program? You can invite a CAF speaker for an in‑person or video presentation during Veterans’ Week, November 5–11. | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://elink.clickdimensions.) | | | | Two people clasping hands. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Miscalculation of Disability Pensions Class Action Settlement** | | Earlier this year, Veterans Affairs Canada [VAC] settled a class action lawsuit relating to the miscalculation of disability pension benefits payable between 2003 and 2023 to disabled Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP veterans and their survivors. Living veterans will receive their settlement payments automatically from VAC and consequently there is no action required on their part. | | However, there are a large number of **Estates of deceased veterans, family members or survivors of veterans**who are eligible to receive a significant payment. On average, claims are worth about $2,500. However, there are 40 people who are eligible for payments over $35,000 and approx. 2,000 for payments over $10,000 | | The entire claims process is being administered by KPMG, who have created a website where claims can be made | | | | |

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