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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](http://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/all-branch-emails) | |
| |  | | --- | | **In this edition** | | **January  2025** | |
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| A group of deployed Canadian Armed Forces members, holding parcels and smiling in front of a Christmas Tree. |
| |  | | --- | | **Bringing Christmas joy to deployed troops** | | During the 2024 holiday season the Legion brightened the days of approximately 2,800 deployed Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members through the annual CFMWS Operation Santa Claus project. These thoughtfully prepared care packages, filled with gifts reminiscent of home, remind our military that their dedication and sacrifice is deeply appreciated by Canadians. | | As a cherished tradition, Operations Santa Claus continues to play a vital role in uplifting the spirits of deployed members during the challenging time spent away from their loved ones. | | [**Learn more ‣**](https://cfmws.ca/support-services/deployment/operation-santa-claus?_cldee=9hSycDCfVji4Y46Zpxz8X5p8w52UgFxOzI_zkvIsTzJP_6DEHfecOUNaY3ua4K5k&recipientid=contact-e510c9a61d4be61180d2c22412537408-644d45fbfc76454a820520549e5de080&esid=b1229de5-1bb6-ee11-8262-005056a2e76d) | |
| A person reading through a document |
| |  | | --- | | **Important information for the Branch Executive and Branch Constitution and Laws Committee** | | The Dominion Executive Council approved amendments to The General By-Laws in April 2024 related to Article III arbitration, DEC vacancies and to Legion Branch elections. [**Learn more.**](https://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/all-branch-emails/2025_01-january-general-by-laws-amendments) | | [**View amendments  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/bylaws-and-procedures/amendments_ef.pdf?sfvrsn=76467a58_44) | | [**The General By-Laws  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/bylaws-and-procedures/bylaws_e.pdf) | |
| Dominion Command Meeting Minutes |
| |  | | --- | | **Minutes from the Dominion Executive Council meeting** | | A Dominion Executive Council (DEC) meeting was held this past November. The meeting minutes, with carried motions, are attached. | | [**View August 24 DEC meeting minutes  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/dec/_dec-minutes-23nov2024-final.pdf) | |
| A set of hands holding a mobile device, giving a start rating, representing a survey. |
| |  | | --- | | **Complete a short Branch survey** | | To support Legion Headquarters in exploring potential opportunities for Legions, we are looking for input from all Branches. Please answer this short survey. Where available, the person who oversees Branch purchasing should complete this survey. | | [**Complete the survey now  ‣**](http://cdweb.legion.ca/cn/a3lro/branch-survey) | |
| Two people clasping hands. |
| |  | | --- | | **Act now: Deadline for Disability Pensions Class Action Settlement is March 19, 2025** | | Veterans Affairs Canada 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; no action is required. • Estates of deceased veterans, family members or survivors of veterans may be eligible to claim payments of about $2,500 with some exceeding $10,000 and even $35,000. | | The entire claims process is being administered by KPMG, who have created a website where claims can be made [**here**](https://veteranspensionsettlement.kpmg.ca/). KPMG have also established a toll-free call center to answer questions (1-833-839-0648). | | **The deadline to make a claim is on March 19, 2025.** | | Veterans Disability Pension Settlement Logo | |
| Archival photo of No. 2 Construction Battalion, Canada’s only all-Black battalion-sized formation. |
| |  | | --- | | **Funding available for No.2 Construction Battalion commemoration activities** | | To increase awareness and to educate Canadians of the invaluable history of No. 2 Construction Battalion, Canada’s only all-Black battalion-sized formation, the Government of Canada is launching a call for applications through Veterans Affairs Canada’s Commemorative Partnership Program (CPP). | | If you have a project or community war memorial commemorating No.2 Construction Battalion, you may be eligible for up to $50,000 in funding through the Commemorative Partnership Program. | | Organizations planning commemorative activities, developing educational materials, or wishing to build or improve community war memorials that commemorate No. 2 Construction Battalion, its members, and its ongoing legacy, are encouraged to apply. | | Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 30 January 2025 through our [online portal](https://cpp-ppc.vac-acc.gc.ca/en/). | | Applications continue to be accepted on an on-going basis for requests of **$10,000** or less and should be submitted at least three months before the project start date. | | • Up to a maximum of **$5,000** for local projects • Up to a maximum of **$10,000** for regional projects | | For more information, please visit the [website](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/commemorative-events/commemorative-partnership) or contact the CPP team at [cpp-ppc@veterans.gc.ca](mailto:cpp-ppc@veterans.gc.ca). We would be happy to help answer your questions or assist in applying via the online portal. | |
| A group of veterans. |
| |  | | --- | | **Plan your next commemorative activity with the help of Library and Archives Canada!** | | Are you organizing special commemoration activities for the anniversary of V‑E Day in 2025 or other significant dates? If so, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) wants to help! | | LAC has developed a special‑purpose request form specifically for commemoration activities for select groups seeking basic information about specific Veterans. | | Learn more about how LAC can support your Legion commemorative activities. | | [**LAC communique  ‣**](https://edm-assets-v2.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/legion/8711_Legion_Dispatch_Dec-2024/English/LAC+Records+for+Commemoration+Activities+-ENG.docx) | | [**Access to Personnel Records for Military Commemoration Form  ‣**](https://edm-assets-v2.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/legion/8711_Legion_Dispatch_Dec-2024/English/LAC+Access+to+Personnel+Records+for+Military+Commemoration+Form.docx) | |
| Two Legion members seated at a table having a discussion over forms and a pen. |
| |  | | --- | | **Branch Membership Administration** | | ***Resources and tips to support your Membership Chair*** | |
| |  | | --- | | **The Auto Renew process is complete** | | The Auto Renew process is now complete and has billed all members who have signed up for Auto Renew with valid credit card information on file. | | If you have a member who signed up for Auto Renew but does not have their 2025 membership year processed, your Branch can collect their 2025 membership payment OR the member can renew online or contact Member Services by phone at 855-330-3344. | | Branches can view all members who renewed online and by auto renewal on the Member Services Website under *Reports / Membership – Branch Online Member Renewals [PDF]*. | | **30% of Legion members have yet to renew for 2025** | | A renewal reminder will be mailed in January to members who have not yet renewed for 2025. Additionally, you can encourage your Branch members to renew by: | | * Placing the [Renewal poster](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/marketing-and-public-relations/7826_legion_membership_renewal_poster_en_hr_nocrops.pdf) in a prominent space in your Branch * Reaching out by mail or email with this [renewal reminder message](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/membership/renewal_letter_en.pdf) * Updating member profiles with emails on [this template](https://edm-assets-v2.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/legion/6879_Legion_Dispatch_Jan2022/English/branchemailsubmissiontemplate.xlsx) so members can be notified automatically when it’s time to renew * Encouraging your members to sign up for [auto renewal](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/marketing-and-public-relations/rcl_221301_poster_17x22_auto-renewal_eng_nocrop.pdf) | |
| Hands typing on a laptop keyboard with icon notifications overlaid depicting the number of likes, mentions, direct messages, contacts and emails. |
| |  | | --- | | **Get access to Marketing and PR resources** | |
| |  | | --- | | **Promote membership with free Branch resources** | | Order FREE recruitment and retention resources through the Legion Supply Department to help promote membership at your Branch. | | [**Check out our flyer  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/marketing-and-public-relations/legion_free_branch_resources_en.pdf) | | Light bulb | | **PR Tip of the Month:** | | **Speaking to media: Stay local** | | It’s best for any Branch representative speaking to media about a local challenge, to first alert their leadership, and to remember they must not speak for the organization on any provincial or national matter without prior approval. | |
| |  | | --- | | **Have questions or need advice?** Contact your [Command Public Relations Officer](https://www.legion.ca/contact-us/provincial-commands) or Nujma Bond, Dominion Command Communications at [nbond@legion.ca](mailto:nbond@legion.ca) | |
| |  | | --- | | Calendar | | **Your Legion calendar** | | February 15 marks the 60th anniversary of the Canadian Flag. Our national flag, with its iconic red and white stripes and maple leaf, is a symbol that unites Canadians and reflects our common values. Encourage your community to celebrate [National Flag Day](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-flag-canada-day.html). | | If your Branch needs a fresh flag, be sure to order one today from [The Poppy Store](https://www.poppystore.ca/canada-2)! | | Download the 2025 calendar and start planning the dates and activities your Branch will promote, commemorate, celebrate or raise awareness of over the coming year. | | [**Download the 2025 calendar  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/docs/default-source/branch-and-command-resources/marketing-and-public-relations/national-notable-dates-2025_english.pdf) | |
| |  | | --- | | **MemberPerks®: Exclusive offers and preferred pricing through Venngo** | | SHARE YOUR SAVINGS STORY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN! HAVE YOU USED MEMBERPERKS TO SAVE ON A WELLNESS PERK? Whether it's fitness gear, healthy meals, or a new gym membership, we'd love to hear how MemberPerks helped you stay active and save. Submit your story by January 31st, 2025, for a chance to win Jabra Elite 4 Earbuds. | | MemberPerks® is more than a member benefit package. It’s also a tool Branches can use to promote membership. Plus, you can partner with local businesses in your community to offer exclusive discounts for your members. | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://www.legion.ca/join-us/memberperks) | |
| |  | | --- | | **Messages from affiliated organizations** | | The following information is brought to you by organizations the Legion works closely with, highlighting special offers and other information. | |
| |  | | --- | | **Mailchimp: Bulk email platform** | | [**Royal Canadian Legion & Mailchimp – Watch Video**](https://www.loom.com/share/9cc461cb362f4bd9aa9899915ab6e794) | |
| [Watch video.](https://www.loom.com/share/9cc461cb362f4bd9aa9899915ab6e794) |
| |  | | --- | | **Watch this short video on how Mailchimp can support your Legion Branch email communications** | | The Legion partnered with Mailchimp, a leading provider in email marketing, to offer Branches an easy, efficient, and affordable email service can help you send out newsletters to your members with the click of a button. Plus, you’ll have access to Legion branded newsletter templates to help support the Legion brand. | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/operational-supports/mailchimp) | |
| |  | | --- | | **Preferred rates for Branches from Canada’s leading payment processor** | |
| [Preferred rates for your branch. Moneris is committed to providing a wide range of industry-leading payment solutions to Royal Canadian Legion branches. Call 1-888-552-0341 or visit moneris.com/associations.](http://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/operational-supports/moneris) |
| |  | | --- | | Moneris® offers preferred payment processing rates to **Royal Canadian Legion** branches. With a wide range of industry-leading payment products and services, Moneris has the solutions you need to support your branch. | | At Moneris, we take pride in being the payment solutions provider of choice for businesses of all sizes across Canada. [Learn more](https://www.moneris.com/en/insights/posts/growth-strategy/top-7-reasons-canadian-businesses-choose-moneris) about the **Top 7 Reasons Canadian Businesses Choose Moneris**. | | Take advantage of the preferred rates from Moneris available to Royal Canadian Legion branches. Call 1-888-552-0341, and reference chain #30500058435 or visit [moneris.com/associations](https://go.moneris.com/associations). | | [**Learn more  ‣**](http://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/operational-supports/moneris) | |
| |  | | --- | | **Intuit Canada** | |
| [Legion @quickbooks. 30% lifetime discount * * offer valid on new qbo activations.](https://intuit.chilipiper.com/book/rcl-email-promo) |
| |  | | --- | | Intuit Canada is offering special partner rates for Royal Canadian Legion branches looking to streamline their bookkeeping using QuickBooks Online! To take advantage of this 30% lifetime discount\*, to learn more about partner pricing for your branch, schedule a 15 minute consult with a product specialist! | | [**Learn more  ‣**](https://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/operational-supports/intuit-canada)   |   [**Book 15 Minute Consult  ‣**](https://intuit.chilipiper.com/book/rcl-email-promo) | | *\*Discount valid on new QBO activations only.* | |
| |  | | --- | | **Cost savings on everything your Branch needs to run its restaurant and hospitality services** | |
| [Speak to an Entegra expert today. EntegraPS.ca](https://youtu.be/B1YohPUSyYk?si=IBmy3q3n39zyKw73) |
| |  | | --- | | Sign up for a free membership with Entegra and your Branch will receive rebates and savings through your current and new suppliers on food and beverages, furniture and equipment, maintenance and repair services, and more! | | [**Learn more  ‣**](http://portal.legion.ca/branch-and-command-resources/operational-supports/entegra) | |
| |  | | --- | | **Special offer from *the publisher of Legion Magazine*** | |
| [2025 Wall Calendar SAVE 25%! Use coupon code: CALENDAR25 at checkout * VICTORY! THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR Triumphant victors raise their arms in celebration. In Europe, liberated French, Belgian and Dutch citizens pour into the streets as six years of Nazi violence and tyranny draws to a close. Now only $18.74 + tax and shipping Regular price: $24.99 Offer expires January 31, 2025.](https://shop.legionmagazine.com/product/2025-wall-calendar-victory-the-end-of-the-second-world-war/) |
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