



## BC/YUKON COMMAND

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## News Release

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### Complimentary One-Year Legion Membership for RCMP on Appreciation Day, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

BC/Yukon – On Feb.1, the BC/Yukon Legion will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCMP with a complimentary one-year membership to first-time, serving and retired RCMP. For the last 100 years, members of the RCMP have faithfully served in our communities, risking their lives every single day in order to keep our province and territory safe. It is because of sacrifices like these that the Legion continues to exist today.

“On behalf of the British Columbia/Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the RCMP for serving our province for 100 years,” says Val MacGregor, President of the BC/Yukon Command of the Legion.

The Legion is committed to supporting the RCMP, locally through Legion branches, and provincially through programs supporting physical and mental wellness. Our Service Officers are here to assist serving and retired RCMP members with obtaining benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada. Poppy funds from our annual campaign are also available in the case of an emergency. These services are available to serving and retired RCMP officers regardless of Legion membership.

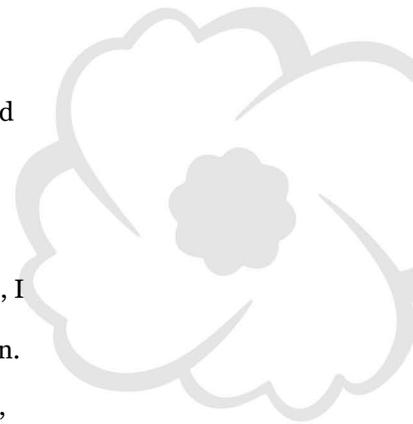
We are honoured by the current serving and retired RCMP members who are a part of our organization and the way they continually give back to their communities.

“This year, as a show of our appreciation, we are offering a 1-year free membership to serving and retired RCMP who are joining the Legion for the first-time. Membership includes a warm community welcome, access to member benefits, and a one-year subscription to Legion Magazine,” said Val MacGregor, President of the BC/Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Serving and retired RCMP members joining the Royal Canadian Legion for the first-time are eligible to register online for their free one-year membership by going to <https://legion.ca/join-us/free-membership-caf-rcmp>

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#### ABOUT THE LEGION

Established in 1926, the Legion is the largest Veterans service organization in Canada with more than 320,000 members. Its mission is to serve all Veterans including serving Canadian Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.

The Legion's Service Bureau Network provides assistance and representation to all Veterans including serving CF and RCMP members, and their families regarding their disability claims, benefits and services from Veterans Affairs Canada and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board. In communities across Canada, it is the Legion that perpetuates Remembrance through the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day ceremonies. With more than 1,450 branches, The Legion supports programs for seniors, Veterans housing, Long Term Care, youth leadership, education, sports, Cadets, Guides and Scouts. We will Remember Them.

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## Backgrounder

To learn more about the BC/Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, visit [www.legionbcyukon.ca](http://www.legionbcyukon.ca)

Fast facts about the Royal Canadian Legion:

- The Legion is a developer of veteran and senior affordable and assisted living housing in BC.
  - Over 4,500 units in 70 facilities
- The Legion Poppy Campaign raises around \$2,500,000 per year for services and support in BC
  - Grants for Veterans and their families in need
  - Veteran transition programs
  - Comforts for Veterans and their spouses who are hospitalized and in need
  - Support to Cadet units
  - A network of Branch and Command Service Officers across the province
  - Donations for disaster relief
  - Promotion and administration of Remembrance activities
- The BC/Yukon Legion Foundation gives more than \$500,000 a year to support veterans and strengthen communities
  - Research and treatment of trauma and PTSD
  - Cockrell House provides shelter, food and support services to Veterans who are homeless or under-housed
  - The Veterans Transition Network provides group-based counselling and transition programs to help military members to overcome barriers to their transition to civilian life
  - Medical and other equipment for seniors' care
  - Veteran programs like the Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs
- The branches in BC/Yukon Command raise \$1.2 Million/year through gaming which is re-invested in community programs
- The Legion holds contests for youth with cash prizes
  - Poster and Literary
  - Video

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