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NEWS RELEASE

Legion Welcomes RCMP and Peace Officers as Veterans

Legion amends its definition to include RCMP regular members and other Peace Officers who serve in special duty areas.

EDMONTON, AB, JUNE 16TH 2014 – In its efforts to better reflect Canadian involvement in conflicts and peace support operations, the Legion delegates at the 45th Dominion Convention voted unanimously to update the definition of a Veteran contained in its General By-Laws.

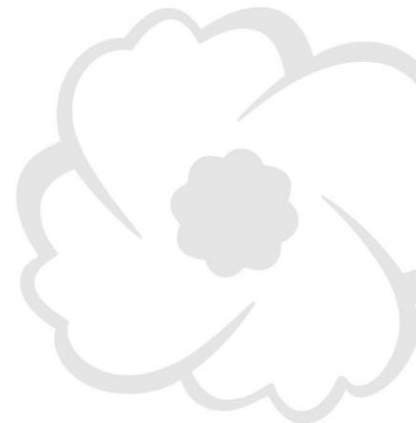
“Through its ongoing efforts to modernize and rejuvenate Legion membership, I was proud to see our delegates unanimously endorse a motion from Newfoundland & Labrador Command to amend the definition of a Veteran,” says Legion Dominion President, Gordon Moore. “Recent peace support operations, the war in Afghanistan and the incidents in Mayerthorpe, AB and Moncton, NB clearly show the hazards and risks members of the RCMP face at home and abroad, along with the challenges Peace Officers encounter in Special Duty Areas,” adds Moore.

The new definition of a Veteran in the Legion General By-Laws is now as follows: *A Veteran is any person who is serving or has honorably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or its wartime allies, or as a Regular Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or as a Peace Officer in a Special Duty Area or on a Special Duty Operation, or who has served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime.*

This now extends the ability for The Royal Canadian Legion’s Service Bureau to support a broader range of Veterans who are in need of the unique assistance available from the Legion.

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ABOUT THE LEGION

Established in 1926, the Legion is the largest Veterans’ and community support organization in Canada with more than 300,000 members. Its mission is to serve all Veterans including serving Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members as well as 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 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 1,440 branches, the Legion supports programs for seniors, Veterans’ housing, outreach and visitation, youth leadership, education, sports, Cadets, Guides and Scouts.

We Will Remember Them.