

National Notable Dates 2020

The following are national commemorative days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something. Also included are national Legion activities. Branches may wish to promote these dates or organize related activities.

Dominion Command promotes many of these dates through our social media channels. Selected commemorative dates may be promoted on significant anniversaries.

We encourage Branches and members to share Legion national messaging from our social media channels:

[Facebook.com/CanadianLegion](https://www.facebook.com/CanadianLegion) [Twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion](https://twitter.com/RoyalCdnLegion) [Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion](https://www.instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion)

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 27 [Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)
- 29 [Bell Let's Talk](#) (mental health)
- [Membership renewal reminders](#)

FEBRUARY

- [Black history month](#)
- 14 Valentines Day
- Family Day (day varies by province)
- 15 [National Flag of Canada Day](#)
- 28 [Gulf War](#) ends (1991)
- [Lapsed member reminders](#)

MARCH

- 3 [World Hearing Day](#)
- 8 [International Women's Day](#)
- 2nd Monday - [Commonwealth Day](#) (RCEL support)
- 15 Last Canadian soldiers return from Afghanistan (2014)

APRIL

- Month of the Military Child
- 3 [Battle of Moreuil Wood](#) (1918)
- 4 NATO Accord signed (1949)
- 9 [Battle of Vimy Ridge](#) (1917) - *Legion flags lowered to half mast*
- 19-25 [National Volunteer Week](#)
- 21 Queens birthday 1926
- 25 [Anzac Day](#)
- 25 [Battle of Kapyong](#) (1951)

MAY

- 1st Sunday [Battle of the Atlantic](#) (1945)
- 1-7 [National Youth Week](#)
- 3 John McCrae wrote '[In Flanders Fields](#)' poem
- 4-10 [CMHA Mental Health Week](#)
- 5 [Liberation of Netherlands](#) (1945)
- 8 VE Day (1945)
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 [International Day of Families](#)
- 21 [National War Memorial](#) unveiled (1939)
- 21 Victoria Day
- 22-31 [Memorial Cup](#)
- 25 [Ypres](#) (1915)
- 25 US [Memorial Day](#)
- 28 [Tomb of Unknown Soldier](#) (2000)
- 29 [International Day of UN Peacekeepers](#)
- 31 [End of South African \(Boer\) War](#) (1902)

JUNE

- Pride Month
- [Legion Riders](#) promotion
- 1st Sunday Canadian Armed Forces Day
- 4 Miracle at Dunkirk (1940)
- 6 [Normandy Invasion \(D-Day\)](#) (1944)
- 13 [Navy Bike Ride](#)
- 14 World Blood Donor Day
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- 27 [Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)

JULY

- 1 [Beaumont Hamel](#) (1916)
- 1 Canada Day (Legion supports Operation Canada Day)
- 26 Vimy unveiling (1936)
- 27 [Korean War](#) armistice (1953)

AUGUST

- 1 NORAD formed (1957)
- 9 [Canadian Peacekeepers Day](#)
- 12 [International Youth Day](#)
- 15 Victory over Japan (1945)
- 19 [Dieppe Raid](#) (1942)

SEPTEMBER

- Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals
- 2 [Second World War](#) ends (1945)
- 3 [Merchant Navy Veterans Day](#)
- 8 [Battle of Medak Pocket](#) (1993)
- 10 [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- 11 September 11 attacks (2001)
- 17 [Operation Medusa](#) (2006)
- 21 [International Day of Peace](#)
- 3rd Friday Military Family Appreciation Day
- 3rd Sunday [Battle of Britain](#) (1940)
- Last Sunday [Police and Peace Officers Memorial](#)

OCTOBER

- Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals
- 1st week of October [National Family Week](#)
- 4-10 [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#)
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 12 Thanksgiving
- 14 Van Doos anniversary (1914)
- 17 [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)
- 24 Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
- Last Friday in October start of [Poppy Campaign](#)

NOVEMBER

- Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals
- 1 Announcement of [National Silver Cross Mother](#)
- 8 [Aboriginal Veterans Day](#)
- 11 [Remembrance Day](#)
- 11 [First World War ends - Armistice Day](#) (1918)
- 12 [Passchendaele](#) ends (1917)
- 18 [Battle of the Somme](#) (1916)

DECEMBER

- 1 [#GivingTuesday](#)
- 3 [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 6 [Halifax explosion](#) (1917)
- 10 Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to peacekeepers (1988)
- 25 Christmas (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)
- 25 [Fall of Hong Kong](#) (1941)

- [Membership renewal reminders](#)