

National Notable Dates for the 2025 Calendar Year

The following are national 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
- 3rd Monday CAMH Blue Monday (mental health awareness)
- 27 [Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)
- [Membership renewal reminders](#)

FEBRUARY

- [Black history month](#)
- 14 Valentines Day
- Family Day (day varies by province)
- 15 [National Flag of Canada Day](#) (1965) – 60th anniversary
- 28 [Gulf War](#) ends (1991)
- [Lapsed member reminders](#)

MARCH

- 3 [World Hearing Day](#)
- 8 [International Women's Day](#)
- 2nd Monday - [Commonwealth Day](#) (RCEL support)
- 12 Canada's military mission in Afghanistan [Afghanistan](#) ends (2014)
- [Lapsed member reminders](#)

APRIL

- Month of the Military Child
- 1 [Royal Canadian Air Force founded](#) (1924)
- 3 [Battle of Moreuil Wood](#) (1918)
- 4 [NATO](#) Accord signed (1949)
- 9 [Battle of Vimy Ridge](#) (1917) - *Legion flags lowered to half mast*
- 27- 3 May [National Volunteer Week](#)
- 25 [Anzac Day](#)
- 25 [Battle of Kapyong](#) (1951)

MAY

- 1st Sunday [Battle of the Atlantic](#) (1945) – 80th anniversary
- 13-19 [CMHA Mental Health Week](#)
- 3 John McCrae wrote '[In Flanders Fields](#)' poem
- 4 [Royal Canadian Navy](#) founded (1910) – 115th anniversary
- 5 [Liberation of Netherlands](#) (1945) – 80th anniversary
- 8 VE Day (1945) – 80th anniversary
- 11 Mother's Day
- 15 [International Day of Families](#)
- 18 International Museum Day
- 19 Victoria Day
- 19 [Canadian Army](#) founded (1855) – 170th anniversary
- 21 [National War Memorial](#) unveiled (1939)
- 22 – 1 June Memorial Cup – Rimouski QC
- 23 [RCMP](#) (1873)
- 25 [Ypres](#) (1915) – 110th anniversary
- 28 [Tomb of Unknown Soldier](#) (2000) – 25th anniversary
- 29 [International Day of UN Peacekeepers](#) (1948)
- 31 [End of South African \(Boer\) War](#) (1902)
- 26 US [Memorial Day](#)

JUNE

- Pride Month
- [Legion Riders](#) promotion
- TBD [RCAF Run](#)
- 1st Sunday Canadian Armed Forces Day
- 4 Miracle at Dunkirk (1940) 85th anniversary
- 6 [Normandy Invasion \(D-Day\)](#) (1944)
- TBD [Navy Bike Ride](#)
- 15 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)
- 7 Canada ceases combat operations in [Afghanistan](#) (2011)
- 26 Vimy unveiling (1936)
- 27 [Korean War](#) armistice (1953)

AUGUST

- 1 NORAD formed (1957)
- 8-10 [Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships – Calgary AB](#)
- 9 [Canadian Peacekeepers Day](#)

- 15 Victory over Japan (1945) 80th anniversary
- 19 [Dieppe Raid](#) (1942)

SEPTEMBER

- [Renewals](#)
- 2nd Sunday Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- 2 [Second World War](#) ends (1945) 80th anniversary
- 3 [Merchant Navy Veterans Day](#)
- 8 [Battle of Medak Pocket](#) (1993)
- 21 [Canada Army Run](#)
- 10 [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- 11 Attacks on September 11 (2001)
- 17 [Operation Medusa](#) (2006)
- 21 [International Day of Peace](#)
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day
- 3rd Sunday National Legion Week (Sunday through Saturday)
- 3rd Sunday [Battle of Britain](#) (1940) 85th anniversary
- 3rd Friday Military Family Appreciation Day
- Last Sunday [Police and Peace Officers Memorial](#)

OCTOBER

- [Renewals](#)
- 1st week of the month [National Family Week](#)
- 1 [National Seniors Day](#)
- 6-12 [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#)
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 13 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

- [Renewals](#)
- 1 Announcement of [National Silver Cross Mother](#)
- [5-11 Veterans Week](#)
- 8 [Indigenous Veterans Day](#)
- 10 [Passchendaele](#) ends (1917)
- 11 [Remembrance Day](#)
- 11 [First World War ends - Armistice Day](#) (1918)
- 14 King Charles III birthday (1948)
- 18 [Battle of the Somme](#) (1916)
- 30 John McCrae's birthday (1872) ([In Flanders Fields](#))

DECEMBER

- 2 [#GivingTuesday](#)
- 3 [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- 5 [International Volunteer Day](#)
- 6 [Halifax explosion](#) (1917)
- 6 [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#)
- 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](#)