

## 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://Facebook.com/CanadianLegion)   [X.com/RoyalCdnLegion](https://X.com/RoyalCdnLegion)   [Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion](https://Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion)

### JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) – 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 28 [Gulf War](#) ends (1991)
- [Lapsed member reminders](#)

### MARCH

- 3 [World Hearing Day](#)
- 8 [International Women's Day](#)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - [Commonwealth Day](#) ([RCEL](#) support)
- 12 Canada's military mission in Afghanistan [Afghanistan](#) ends (2014)
- 30 [Battle of Moreuil Wood](#) (1918)
- [Lapsed member reminders](#)

### APRIL

- Month of the Military Child
- 1 [Royal Canadian Air Force founded](#) (1924)
- 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)

- RCAF Run (dates April through June)

## MAY

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

## JUNE

- Pride Month
- [Legion Riders](#) promotion
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Canadian Armed Forces Day
- 4 Miracle at Dunkirk (1940) 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 6 [Normandy Invasion \(D-Day\)](#) (1944)
- 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) 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- 19 [Dieppe Raid](#) (1942)

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

- [Renewals](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)