

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Our Mission is to serve
Veterans, which includes
serving military and
RCMP members and
their families, to promote
remembrance and to
serve our communities
and our country.

25 JANUARY
2024

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**DOMINION COMMAND
CENTENARY COMMITTEE VIDEOCONFERENCE
25 JANUARY 2024, 1400 HRS
MEETING MINUTES**

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In Attendance:

John Mahon	-	Chair
Valerie MacGregor	-	Vice-Chair/BC-YK Command
Marion Fryday-Cook	-	NS NU Representative
Duane MacEwen	-	PEI Representative
Carol Pedersen	-	SK Representative
Jean St-Laurent	-	QC Representative
Gail Conrad Davey	-	MB NWO Representative
Kandys Merola	-	TVS Representative
Chris Richardson	-	Member at Large
Steven Clark	-	Ex-Officio
Ty Backer	-	Committee Coordinator
Kelly Therien	-	Assistant Coordinator

Absent:

Larry Murray	-	Ex-Officio
Garry Pond	-	ON Representative
Thea McEvoy	-	NB Representative
Vacant	-	AB-NWT Command
Vacant	-	NL Command

1. OPENING

The Chair welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 1400 hours (EST) over zoom video conference. Comrade John Mahon has been appointed the new chair of the Centenary Committee and Comrade Valerie MacGregor will remain as the committee Vice-Chair.

Comrade Phillip Wood from Newfoundland and Labrador Command has stepped away from the committee. NL Command has been asked to provide a replacement. Additionally, with Comrade John and Valerie taking new positions, Ab-NWT and BC-YK will also have to find new replacements.

2. WAR MUSEUM LETTER UPDATE

The Committee Coordinator shared the letter that was drafted by the Coordinator and Comrade Garry Pond. The letter is a request to collaborate with the War Museum during the Centennial year. After a brief review, the committee agreed to send the letter to the Director General of the War Museum.

ACTION: COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

3. CENTENARY MEDAL UPDATE

Comrade Jean St-Laurent, the OPI for the Centenary medal, shared his drafted proposal for the creation of a commemorative medal. A roundtable discussion ensued with various questions and concerns regarding the design, the availability to members, and the previous medal resolution that was passed at the 2021 Virtual Convention.

The committee agreed on the creation of a commemorative medal, however the logistics regarding the creation and distribution of the medal still need to be determined. As a result, the committee agreed that it would be beneficial to get feedback from the Ritual and Awards Committee before drafting a discussion point for April DEC. The Committee Coordinator will draft a proposal to be reviewed by the Ritual and Awards Committee.

Additionally, Comrade Kandys Merola agreed to draft a proposed resolution which would overturn the previous resolution on medals passed at the 2021 Dominion Convention. This resolution will be presented to the committee at the next meeting and can be based on the comments and suggestions from the Ritual and Awards committee.

ACTION: COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

4. OPI UPDATES

The Chair recommended that each OPI report to the committee with an update at meetings going forward.

- Centenary Gala - Discussed the creation of a guest list in the near future. The general consensus is to keep the guest list localized within Canada with the senior invitee being the Governor General.
- 17 July 2026 - No update
- Documentary - Committee Coordinator will discuss options with Canvet.
- Brand Partnerships - Comrade Valerie MacGregor will reach out to Legion House Marketing Department and begin discussions.
- Merchandise and Tulip Festival - Comrade Marion Fryday-Cook has spoken to Supply about potential Centenary items to make available for purchase.
- Centenary Stamp and Coin - Initial request have been sent, but the Committee Coordinator will re-send reminder letters to the Royal Canadian Mint and Canada Post.
- Sponsorships - The committee decided that it would be best to focus sponsorships on the Centenary Gala. Comrade Gail Conrad Davey and Chris

Richardson both volunteered to take on this task.

- Centenary Book - Further discussions to be had with Nujma. Comrade Duane MacEwen is the OPI for the book.
- Coat of Arms – Comrade Chris Richardson stated that the design should be completed by the end of the year.

NO ACTION

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The chair suggested organizing an in-person Centenary Meeting at the Dominion Convention in Saint John, NB. Many members of the committee plan on attending convention and can possibly make time to meet for centenary business face-to-face.

NEXT MEETING

The Centenary Committee agreed to meet before the DEC meetings in April 2024. The next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday 21 March at 1400 hours (EST).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 15:50 hrs (EST).



**John Mahon
Chair**



**Ty Backer
Committee Coordinator**

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