

National Notable Dates 2022

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
- 27 [Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)
- 28 [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) - 30th anniversary
- [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)
- [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*
- 21 Queens birthday 1926
- 24-30 [National Volunteer Week](#)

- 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](#)
- 4 Royal Canadian Navy founded (1910)
- 5 [Liberation of Netherlands](#) (1945)
- 8 VE Day (1945)
- 8 Mother's Day
- 15 [International Day of Families](#)
- 19 Canadian Army founded (1855)
- 21 [National War Memorial](#) unveiled (1939)
- 23 Victoria Day
- 25 [Ypres](#) (1915)
- 28 [Tomb of Unknown Soldier](#) (2000)
- 28 [RCAF Run](#)
- 29 [International Day of UN Peacekeepers](#)
- 31 [End of South African \(Boer\) War](#) (1902)
- 30 US [Memorial Day](#)

JUNE

- Pride Month
- [Legion Riders](#) promotion
- 1st Sunday Canadian Armed Forces Day
- 3-12 Memorial Cup
- 4 Miracle at Dunkirk (1940)
- 6 [Normandy Invasion \(D-Day\)](#) (1944)
- 12 [Navy Bike Ride](#)
- 14 World Blood Donor Day
- 19 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)
- 3-9 [Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships](#)
- 9 [Canadian Peacekeepers Day](#)
- 12 [International Youth Day](#)
- 15 Victory over Japan (1945)
- 19 [Dieppe Raid](#) (1942)

SEPTEMBER

- Legion Early Bird campaign / [Renewals](#)
- 2nd Sunday Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- 2 [Second World War](#) ends (1945)
- 3 [Merchant Navy Veterans Day](#)
- 8 [Battle of Medak Pocket](#) (1993)
- 9 [Canada Army Run](#)
- 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 the month [National Family Week](#)
- 2-8 [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#)
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 10 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)

- 29 [#GivingTuesday](#)
- 30 150th anniversary of John McCrae's birth (Flanders Fields)

DECEMBER

- 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](#)