National Notable Dates for the 2026 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 X.com/RoyalCdnLegion Instagram.com/royalcanadianlegion

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 3rd Monday CAMH Blue Monday (mental health awareness)
- 24 First Legion Dominion Convention, Winnipeg (1927)
- 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)
- 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 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*
- 10 The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada is formed (1917)
- 19-25 National Volunteer Week

- 25 Anzac Day
- 25 Battle of Kapyong (1951)

MAY

- 1st Sunday Battle of the Atlantic (1945)
- 3 John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields' poem (1915)
- 4-10 CMHA Mental Health Week
- 4 Royal Canadian Navy founded (1910)
- 5 Liberation of the Netherlands (1945)
- 8 Victory in Europe Day (1945)
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 First edition of *The Legionary* (1926)
- 15 International Day of Families
- 18 International Museum Day
- 18 Victoria Day
- 19 Canadian Army founded (1855)
- 21 National War Memorial unveiled (1939)
- 22-31 Memorial Cup
- 23 RCMP (1873)
- 25 Ypres (1915)
- 26 US Memorial Day
- 28 Tomb of Unknown Soldier (2000)
- 29 Remise du premier insigne de la Légion au Gouverneur général
- 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers (1948)
- 31 End of South African (Boer) War (1902)

JUNE

- PTSD Awareness Month
- Pride Month
- 1st Sunday Canadian Armed Forces Day
- 4 Miracle at Dunkirk (1940)
- 6 Normandy Invasion (D-Day) (1944)
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day

JULY

- 1 Beaumont Hamel (1916)
- 1 Repatriation of Unknown Newfoundland soldier (2024)
- 1 Canada Day (Legion supports Operation Canada Day)
- 6 The Great War Veterans' Association adopts Poppy as symbol of Remembrance (1921)
- 7 Canada ceases combat operations in Afghanistan (2011)
- 17 Legion's 100th anniversary (1926)
- 26 Legion leads pilgrimage to Vimy unveiling (1936)
- 27 Korean War armistice (1953)

AUGUST

- 7-9 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- 9 Canadian Peacekeepers Day
- 15 Victory over Japan (1945)
- 19 Dieppe Raid (1942)
- 22-26 50e Congrès national de la Légion à Winnipeg (2026)
- 22 Warriors' Day Parade (1921)

SEPTEMBER

- Renewals
- 2nd Sunday Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- 2 Second World War ends (1945)
- 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 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)
- 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
- 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 (1945)
- 24 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)
- 25-27 National Unity Conference (1925)
- 30 John McCrae's birthday (1872) (In Flanders Fields)

DECEMBER

- 1 #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 Peace Prize awarded to UN Peacekeepers (1988)
- 19 Queen Elizabeth II grants royal patronage to the Legion (1960)
- 25 Christmas (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)
- 25 Fall of Hong Kong (1941)
- Membership renewal reminders