



Bring Remembrance to Life through the National Veterans' Week Speakers Program

This fall offers a meaningful moment for reflection. As The Royal Canadian Legion marks its 100th anniversary, Canadians will also observe the 95th anniversary of the first national Remembrance Day ceremony held on November 11 at 11:00 a.m.—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Since then, communities across the country have paused to honour those who served, those who gave their lives, and those who continue to serve today. Legion branches remain at the heart of this tradition, helping keep Remembrance visible, personal and connected to communities across Canada.

During Veterans' Week, from November 5 to 11, your branch can help local schools, community organizations, and other groups connect with a serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) through the Department of National Defence's National Veterans' Week Speakers Program (NVWSP).

Why invite a CAF speaker?

A CAF speaker can add a personal and memorable element to a school visit, community event, youth activity, or local Remembrance ceremony. Through in-person or virtual presentations, speakers share reflections on service, Remembrance, and Canada's military history, helping audiences better understand the contributions of Veterans and those who continue to serve.

How the NVWSP works

The NVWSP is a national program that matches community requests, where possible, with CAF speakers in their region. Presentations may be delivered in person or virtually, depending on speaker availability, location and operational requirements.

Requests are limited, so early registration is encouraged. The program also offers pre-recorded videos for different audiences and age groups to support activities when a speaker cannot be arranged.

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How branches can help

- Share the link for the program (<http://Canada.ca/caf-veterans-week-speakers>) with local schools, libraries, municipalities, community centres, and youth organizations.
- Encourage groups planning Veterans' Week or Remembrance Day activities to request a CAF speaker early.
- Promote the program through community newsletters, social media, and community bulletin boards.

As the Legion celebrates a century of service, advocacy, and Remembrance, branches can help more Canadians connect with the stories behind Veterans' Week and ensure future generations understand the importance of service and sacrifice.

For more information, to request a speaker or to access video resources, visit the National Veterans' Week Speakers Program website at <http://Canada.ca/caf-veterans-week-speakers> or contact the NVWSP team at 1-833-223-8322 or DNDRemembrance.SouvenirMDN@forces.gc.ca.