

**RESOLUTION FORM FOR SUBMISSION TO
PROVINCIAL COMMAND**

Resolution:

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion is a Veterans organization and comprised of Veterans, their families and those who support the cause;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legions image is faltering in the eyes of many of Canada's Veterans;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion must prioritize the Veterans and Veteran Issues above all other personal gains incentives of elected officers at every level of the Royal Canadian Legion;

Whereas the leadership of a Veterans organization should hold Veteran status to lead a Veterans organization;

Whereas the leadership at Dominion Command and the Provincial Commands are not merely volunteers, however they make decisions with ramifications that affect not just the members of the Royal Canadian Legion but Veterans from coast to coast to coast;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion must earn back the trust and respect of ALL of Canada's Veterans;

Whereas this was identified by participants in the Veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion Survey as an issue and recommended in the Veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion Survey Report launched by Branch 15 Brampton in 2016;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Royal Canadian Legion be amended immediately to state that the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Dominion Executive Committee and all Provincial Executive Committees must be Ordinary Members.

Approved by Branch No. 15 Date: _____ Mike Henry Jr
President's Signature

Approved by Zone: _____ Date: _____ _____
Zone Commander's Signature

Approved by District: _____ Date: _____ _____
District Commander's Signature

Disposition by Provincial Command:

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Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion is a Veterans organization and comprised of Veterans, their families and those who support the cause;

Whereas the current state of the Canadian Honours and Awards leaves many deeds of the Canadian Armed Forces members un-recognized;

Whereas deeds such as engaging an enemy force in combat while on operations are not currently recognized by means of a Honour or Award in the Canadian Honours and Awards System as it is with our allies in the USA and Australia who rightfully recognize their personnel;

Whereas members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have deployed on Domestic Operations, in some cases multiple deployments and in some cases have accumulated over one hundred days of operational service, are not recognized for those operational deployments;

Whereas in the current Honours and Awards System some of the established awards include: Peacekeeping Service Medal, United Nations Headquarters Medal, Queens Medal for Champion Shot, and commemorative medals;

Whereas Veterans and Legion Members expect the Legion to advocate on behalf of Veterans and the Military;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Royal Canadian Legion's Defence and Security Committee, as a government stakeholder, immediately advocate through the Chancellery of Honours, for new Honours and Awards for military personnel and Veterans including a Combat Action Medal/Decoration, and a Domestic Operations Medal (or Bar to the Special Service Medal) for accumulated service on Domestic Operations of 30 days or more, both awards to be retroactive to 1990.

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Whereas the current state of the Canadian Honours and Awards leaves many deeds of the Canadian Armed Forces members un-recognized;

Whereas at one time the Government of Canada issued “The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal’ (CVSM), a Volunteer Service Medal to recognize Canadians who served voluntarily in the Canadian Forces;

Whereas this honourable and noteworthy acknowledgment of volunteerism by our Veterans and our Troops abruptly stopped on March 1, 1947;

Whereas Veterans Affairs Canada considers any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who releases with an honourable discharge and who successfully underwent basic training to be a Veteran;

Whereas in the current Honours and Awards System some of the established awards include: Peacekeeping Service Medal, United Nations Headquarters Medal, Queens Medal for Champion Shot, and commemorative medals;

Whereas Veterans and Legion Members expect the Legion to advocate on behalf of Veterans and the Military;

Whereas over 2000 Canadians have signed Parliament of Canada E-Petition 1418 in support of the reinstatement of the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Royal Canadian Legion’s Defence and Security Committee, as a government stakeholder, immediately advocate through the Chancellery of Honours their support of the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal’s reinstatement and issue.

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Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion is a Veterans organization and comprised of Veterans, their families and those who support the cause;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion as a Veterans organization to keep closely to military protocols when possible and practical;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion as a Veterans organization should keep closely to the military standard for wearing medals and insignia;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion comes under constant scrutiny for the wearing of medals that are not part of the Canadian Honours & Awards System;

Whereas the Order of Saint John was brought into the Canadian Honours & Awards System in 1990 and its medals, The Order of St. John of Jerusalem and The Service Medal of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, are part of the Honours and Awards System and are worn on the left breast in precedence, medals are administered through their offices;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion can bring credibility to itself by reducing the right breast medals and replacing them with awards in the Canadian Honours and Awards System;

Whereas in the Canadian Honours and Awards system is the Sovereigns Medal for Volunteers which members of the Legion can nominate other members of the Legion for volunteer service at any level;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion must earn back the trust and respect of ALL of Canada's Veterans;

Whereas this was identified by participants in the Veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion Survey as an issue and recommended in the Veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion Survey Report launched by Branch 15 Brampton in 2016;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Royal Canadian Legions Defence and Security Committee, as a stakeholder, immediately seek to create through the Chancellery of Honours new Canadian Honours and Awards: a Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Merit (to replace the right breast RCL Medal of Merit) and a Royal Canadian Legion Service Medal (to replace the right breast Branch Service Medal), and a Royal Canadian Legion Dominion President Commendation (similar to the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation);

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that upon successful completion and implementation of the above Honours and Awards, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Royal Canadian Legion be amended immediately to remove the current (right breast medals) Legion Medals, except for Executive Officer Medals and the Cadet Medal of Excellence, from authorized wear.

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Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion as a Veterans organization should keep closely to the military standard for wearing medals and insignia;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion should keep to military protocol for the wearing of Specialist Badges, medals, and military awards as the Canadian Armed Forces protocol dictates for wear on military dress uniforms (DEU);

Whereas specialist badges and military awards are earned by members of the Canadian Armed Forces and those who earn those awards are entitled to wear them after their service has ended;

Whereas no Veterans organization should ban the wearing of earned military awards and badges while simultaneously authorizing purchased medals, pins and accoutrements on its uniform;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion must earn back the trust and respect of ALL of Canada's Veterans;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Royal Canadian Legion immediately adopt into its By-Laws that the wearing of military Specialist Badges and military award badges may be worn on Royal Canadian Legion attire in the same manner as the Canadian Armed Forces;

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Royal Canadian Legion immediately adopt into its By-Laws that the wearing of CAF DEU appropriate head dress by serving and released officers and members of the CAF become an approved head dress for Ordinary Members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

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Resolution:

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion is a Veterans organization and comprised of Veterans, their families and those who support the cause;

Whereas Veterans in Canada are in dire need of increased support from Veterans Affairs;

Whereas the Veterans Affairs Ombudsman has not done enough to advocate with the Government on behalf of Veterans;

Whereas the Veterans Affairs Ombudsman reports to the same Minister for which the Ombudsman is required to report on;

Whereas previous reports filed by the Veterans Ombudsman have been met with hostility from staff in the Veterans Affairs Office;

Whereas the National Defence Ombudsman has called for his position to be permanent and independent from the Department of National Defence and for the Ombudsman to become an officer of Parliament reporting to Parliament and not those he is charged with reporting on;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the President of the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command call on the Government, by means of an open letter to the Prime Minister, for the position of the VAC Ombudsman to become a permanent and independent position enshrined in law reporting directly to Parliament.

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Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion has been targeted in the media and by Veterans for issues at Branches and Dominion Command such as the banning of Joan Beznoski which have worsened the image of the Legion in the eyes of Canadians and Veterans;

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion must earn back the trust and respect of ALL of Canada's Veterans;

Whereas the Provincial Commands have been slow or unwilling to work with Branches as the Branches are mandated to gain the approval from Provincial Commands for actions they wish to undertake, sometimes resulting in financial losses at the Branch level;

Whereas the Legion as a Veterans Organization should emulate the principles and responsibilities of the Military Chain of Command Structure and grant redress options to levels of command which are not getting timely or appropriate responses from higher levels of command;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the By-Laws of the Royal Canadian Legion be amended immediately to state that each Provincial Command be under the supervision and authority of Dominion Command;

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the By-Laws of the Royal Canadian Legion be amended immediately to state Branches, Zones and Districts be granted a redress option when dealing with a higher level of command to the level above the command from which the issue has arisen.

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