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Date: October 10, 2018

To: NS/NU Command Branches

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From: Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte

Executive Director

NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Nomination Request

Message: Comrades: Please see attached

notice. Please be advised that this notice was received only yesterday. Please ensure your nominations are submitted to v.mitchell-

veinotte@ns.legion.ca not later than 2:00 pm

October 12th.

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Mr. Thomas D. Irvine, CD **Dominion President** The Royal Canadian Legion **Dominion Command** 86 Aird Place Ottawa, Ontario K2L 0A1

Dear Mr. Irvine:

The Government of Canada is planning an overseas event to mark the 100th anniversary of the End of the First World War. An official Government of Canada delegation will be travelling from November 7 to 12, 2018, to attend remembrance ceremonies and events at a number of sites in Belgium.

I would be pleased if you could nominate one Canadian Veteran to join the Government of Canada delegation to represent The Royal Canadian Legion.

In selecting a candidate, we ask that you take into consideration the following: As the focus of this overseas event is the Last Hundred Days, it would be preferred that that the Veteran have a some connection to the First World War, perhaps, a family member who served at the time. As well, these programs can be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of the attendees, therefore, we ask that you nominate someone who has not yet taken part in a Government of Canada delegation overseas. We ask that you also take into account female Veterans who have their own unique stories to share. This would also be a wonderful opportunity to nominate a younger Veteran, someone who is eager to help carry on the legacy of the First World War.

When choosing a candidate, it is also important to select someone who is comfortable sharing his or her military experiences to members of the delegation and the public. Finally, the Veteran must be physically capable of making the trip. Although a medical doctor will accompany the delegation, the busy schedule of events requires that all members of the delegation be in good health. Nominees will be asked to have their family physician certify that they are in good health and that they are able to withstand the fatigue of extended travel.



If the Veteran is over 80 years of age or has a medical condition that requires help with daily living requirements, the nominee is encouraged to choose a caregiver. Additional details regarding the role of the caregiver will be provided to the nominated Veteran.

Please note that the Veteran you nominate must not be a serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces. A nomination form is enclosed. Please send your nomination by October 12, 2018, to Ms. Patricia Burnside, Delegation Manager, at the following coordinates:

Patricia Burnside Veterans Affairs Canada Commemoration Division PO Box 7700, JCB 304 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 8M9

902-566-7056 (Fax)

Upon receiving your reply, the nominated Veteran will be contacted and provided with the necessary administrative and travel details. All travelling and living expenses will be the responsibility of Veterans Affairs Canada.

If you are unable to nominate a Veteran or should you require additional information, please contact Ms. Burnside at 902-626-2044 or by e-mail at Patricia.Burnside@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Hélène Robichaud Director General

Commemoration Division

Enclosure



OVERSEAS EVENT NOMINATION FORM Protected when completed.

Individuals participating in the Government of Canada overseas event must be fit to travel overseas. Delegates will be asked to provide their medical information prior to the event so the medical officer accompanying the delegation can be prepared for potential health problems.

Delegates will be provided with the necessary administrative and travel details when the selection process is complete.

Individual nominated to participate in overseas event	
Family name	Given names
Address	<u> </u>
Telephone No.	Language preference ☐ English ☐ French
Email address	
Nominated by	
Family name	Given names
Title	Organization
Signature	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

The personal information provided on this form is collected under the authority of the *Privy Council* Order 1965-688 for the purpose of administrative details associated with the Government of Canada overseas event. Provision of the information is voluntary.

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For further information on the above statement, contact the Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator's Office, Veterans Affairs Canada, PO Box 7700, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 8M9.

