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Subject: NS/NU Command Centenary Upcoming
Events

Message: Good day comrades, the following is a list of dates and locations of events that NS/NU Command will be hosting or are in partnership with:

Halifax International Tattoo (Partnership)

A Partnership Commemorating 100 Years of Service to Canada The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and the Royal Canadian Legion enter this partnership in 2026 with shared purpose and deep mutual respect, marking the Legion's 100th anniversary of steadfast service to veterans, their families, and communities across Canada. For a century, the Royal Canadian Legion has stood as a pillar of remembrance, advocacy, and community leadership.

From supporting veterans' transition to civilian life, to championing remembrance education for youth, to sustaining local branches that serve as gathering places in towns and cities nationwide, the Legion's work has shaped the social fabric of this country. Its legacy is not only military—it is civic, intergenerational, and profoundly Canadian. The 2026 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, themed "Harmony," provides a fitting and powerful platform through which to honour this centennial milestone.

Harmony speaks to balance, unity, and the strength that emerges when distinct voices and traditions come together in shared purpose. In a Tattoo context, harmony is both musical and symbolic: the coordinated precision of military bands, the collaboration of international and community performers, and the alignment of service, sacrifice, and civic pride into a single, resonant expression.

This partnership recognizes that the Royal Canadian Legion and the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo share foundational values:

- Remembrance and Education – Ensuring
- Community Leadership – Strengthening civic life through volunteerism, advocacy, and local engagement.

- National Pride and Identity – Celebrating Canada's service traditions while affirming our commitment to peace, democracy, and collective responsibility.
- Intergenerational Connection – Creating meaningful opportunities for youth, veterans, and families to gather, reflect, and celebrate together.

The Tattoo has, since its founding, served as a living stage for Canada's stories—military, cultural, and communal. In 2026, through the theme of Harmony, the Tattoo will honour the Legion's century of impact by bringing together veterans, serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, cadets, youth performers, and community groups in a shared act of tribute and celebration. This collaboration will amplify remembrance not as a solitary act, but as a collective expression—where music, ceremony, and storytelling unite Canadians in gratitude and resolve. As the Legion marks one-hundred years of service, this partnership affirms a shared belief: that remembrance must be active, visible, and woven into the life of the nation.

Harmony is not merely performance; it is partnership. It is the alignment of institutions committed to safeguarding memory, strengthening community, and inspiring the next generation to serve with integrity and compassion. Together, the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and the Royal Canadian Legion will commemorate the past, celebrate enduring service, and present to Canadians a powerful demonstration of unity—honouring a century of dedication while looking forward, in harmony, to the generations yet to come. A Show Content Partnership The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo (the "Tattoo") and the Royal Canadian Legion (the "Legion") enter this show content partnership to commemorate and celebrate the Legion's 100 years of service to Canada through the creation and presentation of a dedicated centenary production within the 2026 Tattoo.

The 2026 Tattoo theme, Harmony, reflects the alignment of service, sacrifice, and citizenship across generations. Harmony is the disciplined unity of a military band, the blending of musical voices into a single resonant expression, and the enduring partnership between veterans and the communities they have served. It is both artistic and symbolic—representing balance between remembrance and celebration, tradition and renewal, and past service and future commitment. The Royal Canadian Legion Centenary Scene Under this partnership, the Tattoo will conceive, create, and produce a major arena-scale scene dedicated to recognizing the Legion’s centennial milestone and honouring veterans across Canada.

This commemorative production will:

- Celebrate the Legion’s century-long leadership in remembrance, advocacy, and community service.
- Honour veterans of all eras, acknowledging their contribution to Canada’s security, democracy, and civic life.
- Highlight the intergenerational continuity of service—from veterans to currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces.
 - Integrate ceremonial elements, storytelling, and musical performance to present a unified tribute within the larger 2026 production. The scene will serve as a focal commemorative moment within the 2026 show, reinforcing the Tattoo’s long-standing role as a national platform for honouring military heritage and civic pride.

Canadian Armed Forces Music Composition Contest

The Royal Canadian Legion 100 March Central to this partnership is a national music composition initiative open to musicians actively serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Serving CAF musicians will be invited to submit an original march composition written in honour of the Royal Canadian Legion’s 100th anniversary.

The competition will:

- Encourage creative expression from within the ranks of Canada’s military musicians.

- Reinforce the living connection between currently serving personnel and the Legion’s veteran community.
- Celebrate the distinctive Canadian military band tradition.
- Generate a new work that contributes to the enduring cultural repertoire of Canadian ceremonial music. The selected composition will be premiered at the 2026 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and will serve as the foundational musical work for the Legion 100 commemorative scene.

As the principal thematic score, the winning march will anchor choreography, ceremonial sequences, and visual storytelling elements, ensuring that the centenary tribute is musically unified and artistically coherent. A Living Expression of Harmony This partnership reflects harmony in its fullest sense: veterans and serving members connected through music; remembrance expressed through performance; and institutional collaboration in service of national commemoration. By commissioning and debuting a new march composed by a serving CAF musician, and by dedicating a full production scene to the Legion’s centenary, the Tattoo will create a lasting artistic tribute—one that honours a century of service while affirming the continued vitality of Canada’s military and veteran community.

Through this Show Content Partnership, the Tattoo and the Royal Canadian Legion will unite ceremony, creativity, and commemoration into a single, resonant expression of gratitude and national pride—celebrating 100 years of service in true harmony.

Royal Canadian Legion Partnership Benefits Show Content Partner (scene exclusive)

- Dedicated Royal Canadian Legion 100 scene planned, produced and executed by the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo production team
- Includes the creation and administration of the Royal Canadian Legion 100 march composition contest.
- Winning march composition to be debuted in the Royal Canadian Legion 100 scene. Presenting Partner (non-exclusive)
- Official framed original copy of the Royal Canadian Legion 100 winning march composition. Logo Placement Package
- 90'x30' LED audience screen – preshow and intermission
- 65" screen VIP lounge partner recognition loop – preshow, intermission and post-show
- Official playbill (25,000 copies)
- Tattoo website Social Media/Digital Marketing Package • Social media profile and mentions (32,800+ followers)
- Mentions and feature in Tattoo Insiders e-newsletter (11,000+ subscribers) Special Discount Code for Tattoo Tickets • Use code **THANKYOU2026 to receive a 10% discount on Tattoo tickets.** Tattoo Run of Show Preshow and Intermission Verbal Mentions Complimentary Tattoo Canada Day Parade Entry Royal Canadian Legion Contribution
- Royal Canadian Legion members to participate as “extra” performers in the Royal Canadian Legion 100 scene.
- Royal Canadian Legion members to participate in Tattoo hour guard in show finale. We greatly appreciate the Royal Canadian Legion’s support in making the 2026 Tattoo a success, and we look forward to celebrating our shared commitment to strengthening and enriching communities across Nova Scotia. We look forward to collaborating on a truly memorable event that will allow our communities to flourish together.

NS/NU Command Centenary Parade and Reception

The **Centenary Parade will take place on the 17th July 2026, in Halifax.** Our Command respectfully requests participation from all branches within our Command if at all possible.

All legion participants will meet at CFB Stadacona not before 4:00 pm via the main Gate on Gottingen Street. We ask that branches car pool to reduce parking at the base. Please use the upper parking lot just left of the main gate just after entering the Base or the lower parking lot at the Fleet Club (Atlantic) and proceed to the Junior Ranks Club in the Fleet Club. We have arranged two 45 Pax buses to transport legionnaires to and from the Parade.

After the Parade there will be a reception held at the Fleet Club main lounge. Hors D’oeuvres will be available along with tea, coffee and a cash bar. A video presentation highlighting the history of our Command and branches will be shown along with speeches and presentations.

Please note a detailed Parade Order will be coming out which will hopefully answer all of your questions. Nevertheless there will be a parade brief at the Junior Ranks prior to departing for the parade assembly area. It is imperative that parade participants do not arrive until 4:00 pm. It is highly recommended that all participants have something to eat prior to arriving at the Fleet Club.

Parade Dress: Legion Full Dress uniform with Medals

Participants Arrive CFB Stadacona: 4:00 pm

Parade Briefing: Fleet Club Junior Ranks 4:30

Depart for the Assembly Area: 5:00 pm

Step-Off: 5:30 pm

Parade Ends approximately: 7 pm

Return to Fleet Clubs: 7:15 pm

Reception Ends: 10:00 pm

Halifax Symphony (Partnership)

2026-27 season - will hold a concert on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

They have titled it **PEACE and REMEMBRANCE**, featuring the music of:

Carlos Simon: *Breathe*

Maurice Ravel: *Le Tombeau de Couperin*

Samuel Barber: Adagio for Strings

Ralph Vaughn Williams: *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant us Peace)

Simon Rivard, conductor

- Jane Archibald, soprano

- Korin Thomas-Smith, baritone

The Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus

- Joel Tranquilla, chorus master

Here is a brief description of the concert:

Finding solace in a world of chaos

Honouring the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion and 50th anniversary of the Nova Scotia Choral Federation, this powerful program invites you to reflect, to feel deeply, and to hope. Featuring Barber's famous Adagio for Strings, a musical memorial to friends lost in WWI by Ravel, and an urgent plea for peace by Vaughan Williams – music that remains as poignant and moving today as when it was written nearly a century ago.

As I mentioned, in celebration of the Royal Canadian Legion's 100th Anniversary, we would like to partner with you on this concert. It would be wonderful to see the hall filled with veterans and active members at this concert. We can also work together to invite any dignitaries, such as the Lt. Governor. We will provide you with complementary tickets for your delegates.

We announce the 2026-27 season on Wednesday, April 8. Tickets go on sale on June 10.

Please note the Centenary Committee are still finalizing the concert and will send out an ABMO with the details of the concert.

Centenary Fund Raiser Gala

Our fund raising committee is working diligently to organize a supported Gala to raise funds in support of the our Legion Veterans Programs in the Fall of the 2026. Once again once we finalize all the details we will send out an ABMO notifying everyone of the details.

[NS/NU Command Event Calendar](#)

Lastly we have set up an events calendar: [click here to access calendar](#) on our Command webpage that can be accessed by the public and our memberships. This will allow everyone to find out what is happening throughout our Command so they can attend a verity of events near to them. Please send your events, dates and locations to the following email address as soon as possible: admin@nsnulegion.ca