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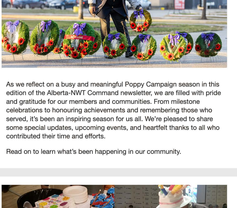
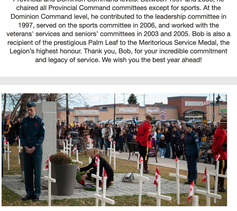


As we reflect on a busy and meaningful Poppy Campaign season in this edition of the Alberta-NWT Command newsletter, we are filled with pride and gratitude for our members and communities. From milestone celebrations to honouring achievements and remembering those who served, it's been an inspiring season for us all. We're pleased to share some special updates, upcoming events, and heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time and efforts.

Read on to learn what's been happening in our community.



Bob Hannah's 90th Birthday

(October 11, 2024)

Last October 11th, we celebrated Bob Hannah's 90th birthday! Bob has served our community with unparalleled dedication, including three terms as President of Drumheller Branch No. 22 and as a passionate leader at the Provincial and Dominion Command levels. Between 1997 and 2006, he chaired all Provincial Command committees except for sports. At the Dominion Command level, he contributed to the leadership committee in 1997, served on the sports committee in 2006, and worked with the veterans' services and seniors' committees in 2003 and 2005. Bob is also a recipient of the prestigious Palm Leaf to the Meritorious Service Medal, the Legion's highest honour. Thank you, Bob, for your incredible commitment and legacy of service. We wish you the best year ahead!

Reflecting on Remembrance Day Ceremonies Across Branches

This year's Remembrance Day ceremonies saw a remarkable turnout as communities gathered to honour and remember. Branches across Alberta and the Northwest Territories hosted meaningful services, capturing the spirit of unity and remembrance. Relive the special moments from various branches by clicking **here**.

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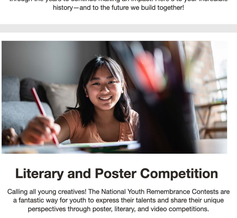
Thank You for Your Support and Dedication

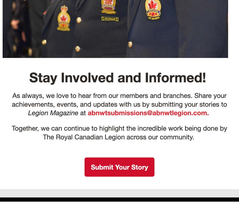
Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to every Legion member who supported the Poppy Campaign and took part in Remembrance Day services. Your ongoing support and dedication to honouring veterans and their families truly makes a difference in our communities.

We want to extend a special thank you to all the branches for organizing Remembrance Day services this year. We know these events require a lot of time and effort to plan, and your hard work does not go unnoticed. Your commitment to remembrance brings our communities together and makes a meaningful impact on everyone involved. Thank you for all you do to uphold these important traditions!



Ron Rivard Award 2024 Recipients: Catarina Bell and Ini Idiong

We're thrilled to announce Catarina Bell *(above, left)* and Ini Idiong *(right)* as recipients of this year's Ron Rivard Memorial Award! This recognition is presented to athletes that demonstrate remarkable character and commitment to the Provincial Legion Program beyond their athletic excellence. Congratulations to both Catarina and Ini on their outstanding accomplishments—you make us all proud!



A Legacy of Resilience: Commemorating Milestones Across Our Branches

This November, we celebrate the resilience and dedication of our branches, some of which have been serving their communities for nearly a century!

Below are our branches who are celebrating anniversaries this month, listed in order of longevity:

Branch No.	Location	Anniversary
29	Worthington	98th Anniversary (November 3, 1926)
20	Taber	98th Anniversary (November 22, 1926)
21	Vulcan	98th Anniversary (November 16, 1926)
22	Drumheller	98th Anniversary (November 15, 1926)
54	Grande Prairie	97th Anniversary (November 17, 1927)
37	High Prairie	95th Anniversary (November 15, 1929)
103	Athabasca	94th Anniversary (November 6, 1930)
104	Innisfail	94th Anniversary (November 6, 1930)
105	Olds	94th Anniversary (November 29, 1930)
98	Trochu	94th Anniversary (November 29, 1930)
165	McMurray	79th Anniversary (November 21, 1945)
164	Vincent Massey	79th Anniversary (November 21, 1945)
166	Standard	79th Anniversary (November 21, 1945)
270	Worsley	67th Anniversary (November 5, 1957)
280	Fox Creek	52nd Anniversary (November 2, 1972)
287	Canol	44th Anniversary (November 1, 1980)

Thank you for being the cornerstone of our success and for adapting through the years to continue making an impact. Here's to your incredible history—and to the future we build together!

Literary and Poster Competition

Calling all young creatives! The National Youth Remembrance Contests are a fantastic way for youth to express their talents and share their unique perspectives through poster, literary, and video competitions.

We are excited to see the creativity and passion that young participants from across our region will bring to this year's competition.

A trip to Ottawa awaits First Place Senior Winners in the Literary and Poster Competition to represent the youth of Canada at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony!

Contact your local branch for the deadlines or click **here** to learn more about The National Youth Remembrance Contests.

Get More Information

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As always, we love to hear from our members and branches. Share your achievements, events, and updates with us by submitting your stories to *Legion Magazine* at **abnwtsubmissions@abnwtlegion.com**.

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