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## BULLETIN NO. 1

### 53rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND, THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION “WORKING TOGETHER”

- DATE:** May 10 – 13, 2025
- LOCATION:** DoubleTree by Hilton London  
300 King Street  
London, ON N6B 1S2
- OFFICIAL OPENING:** The opening of the 53rd Biennial Convention of the Ontario Provincial Command, The Royal Canadian Legion, will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton London 300 King Street London, ON May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in the Grand Ball Room.
- ACCREDITED DELEGATES CERTIFICATES:** In accordance with the General By-laws of the Ontario Command, Article III, Section 305(2), the number of accredited delegates to which a Branch is entitled is determined by the number of paid-up Life, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate Voting members on its membership roll at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. A Branch is entitled to certify one (1) accredited delegate for the first 50 members or fraction thereof and one (1) for each additional 100 members or fraction thereof.
- DELEGATES CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATES:** Under separate cover, each Branch will receive a statement of its standing of Life, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate Voting members as of December 31, 2024. Branch Secretaries are requested to review the instructions on the Credential Certificates very carefully. A form for Observers will be attached to the Credential Certificate which must be completed and returned with the Credential Certificate.
- REGISTRATION:** Registration will take place digitally (under separate email) similar to the Dominion Convention in St. John, NB in 2024.

**FEE:**       - Accredited   \$ 70.00  
              - Observer     \$ 35.00

Delegates and Observers will register and pay in advance online.

**Sat., May 10, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Upon arrival at the Convention and verification of the registration in person, delegates and observers will be provided with a delegate kit, they will then be directed to their respective District desk where they will be issued a nametag and voting card as applicable

**\*\* NO REGISTRATION SUNDAY\*\***

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

**DoubleTree by Hilton London**

300 King St., London, ON

519-439-1661

Group Code: RCL

Booking link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/royalcanadianlegion2025provincialconvention/>

Standard Room - \$185

Parking - \$5/day

**Residence Inn by Marriott**

383 Colborne St., London, ON

519-433-7222

Group Code: RCLS

One Bedroom King Suite - \$209

**Delta London Armouries**

325 Dundas St., London, ON

519-679-6111

Reference #M-U4OUMOE

Booking link <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1729258893518&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true>

Standard Guest Room 2 Queens - \$199

Standard Guest Room 1 King - \$219

Premier Guest Room 2 Queens - \$219  
Valet Parking - \$39  
Surface parking is available in nearby parking lots.

### **Park Hotel**

242 Pall Mall St., London, ON  
619-642-4444

Lifestyle King Suite - \$199 (Fri& Sat), \$179 (Sun-Tue)  
Preferred King Suite

### **Homewood Suites**

45 Bessemer Rd., London, ON  
519-686-7700

Studio Suite King bed, pull-out sofa - \$189  
1 King Bedroom Suite, pull-out sofa - \$199  
1 Bedroom Suite 2 Queen beds, pull-out sofa - \$209  
Includes breakfast and parking

### **Staybridge Suites**

824 Exeter Rd., London, ON  
519-649-4500

Studio Suite King bed, pull-out sofa - \$189  
Includes breakfast and parking

### **Holiday Inn & Suites**

855 Wellington Rd., London, ON  
519-668-7900

“Run of the House” - \$209

### **Comfort Suites**

1120 Dearness Dr., London, ON  
519-680-1024

King Suite with sofa bed - \$189  
Two Queen beds with sofa bed - \$189  
Includes breakfast and parking

**WREATH LAYING  
&  
CONVENTION PARADE**

More details to follow

**BRANCH COLOURS**

The Convention Committee would appreciate it if Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries attending the convention would arrange to send their Branch Colours with delegates for inclusion in the convention parade. Any Branch wishing to have its band participate at the convention will do so at the Branch expense. The General Convention Co-Chairs have requested to be advised of this prior to the convention. The name and address of the General Convention Chairs are noted hereunder:

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Though preference will be given for bands to march with their respective Branch, it may not be possible, in which case, they will be placed throughout the parade under the direction of the Parade Commander.

**DRESS:**

Legion uniform and medals are to be worn for the Parade and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Delegates not in possession of Legion uniforms are expected to wear Legion Beret, Tie and Medals.

Legion Informal Dress may be worn for all business sessions of the convention beginning May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please find below the description of Legion Informal Dress as per the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual pg.1.

“Legion Informal Dress will consist of a blue shirt, available only through Legion supply, will be embroidered with the Legion crest. A Legion name tag may be worn on the right side of the blue shirt, below the collar, centered with the bottom of the nametag levelled/lined up with the upper edge of the pocket. Undress Service ribbons can be worn on the left side, levelled/lined up with the right-side nametag. No other pins, member designation pin, blazers, ties, epaulettes, shoulder badges, medals, or else are to be worn with Legion Informal Dress.”

**BUSINESS SESSIONS:**                   **Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 p.m.**  
Nominations for all offices and Election of President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. - approx. 4:00 p.m.**  
Election of Remaining Officers if time permits

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. - approx. 4:00 p.m.**  
New Business and Installations

**RESOLUTIONS:**                       **Deadline date for submission of resolutions -**  
**JANUARY 15TH, 2025.**

Resolutions Committee Chair, Comrade Ron Crown, has advised that any resolutions submitted following the PEC and prior to January 15, 2025, will be reviewed by the Resolutions Chair and a small committee of his choice. No formal meeting will be held.

**LATE RESOLUTIONS:**               Resolutions received after January 15th of the convention year, shall be referred to the respective Provincial Committee for consideration and subsequent approval or otherwise by the Administrative Committee and Provincial Executive Council. Late resolutions, dealing with matters at the Dominion level only, shall be referred to Dominion Command for consideration at the ensuing Dominion Convention.

**CONVENTION REPORTS:**           Electronic Pre-Convention Book (Committee Reports and Resolutions Book) Similar to the Dominion Convention 2024 the Pre-Convention Book will only be available in an electronic format to lessen our environmental footprint while reducing overall costs. All resolutions will be shown on Convention screens at time of voting, but we encourage you to use your electronic devices to follow along on our Convention App. This Book will also be available in a downloadable, printable format allowing you the option to print the Book in advance and bring to Convention. **There will be no Book in your Convention Kit.**

**DISTRICT COMMANDERS:**       Meetings for District Parade Commanders, Whips and Assistant Whips, and Scrutineers will all be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Ball Room Saturday, May 10th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. as posted.

**DISTRICT AND**                           Districts and Zones are required to elect new officers whose  
**ZONE COMMANDERS:**           duties will commence effective the close of convention and will hold such office until the conclusion of the 54th Biennial Convention.

**NOTE: It is the responsibility of the incumbent District and Zone Commanders to advise Command of the names and addresses of the newly elected officers, following the election meeting.**

**SOUVENIR BOOK:**               Please find attached the advertising form for the Convention Souvenir Book. Deadline for advertising is March 31, 2025.

**ENTERTAINMENT AND  
BRANCH ACTIVITIES:**

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Comrade President Derek Moore Wine & Cheese Reception  
Victory Branch 317  
311 Oakland Avenue  
London ON N5W 4J5

This invitation is for all members to attend a “Thank you” reception.

Further Branch Activities will be noted in the second Bulletin.



JUANITA KEMP  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR