

The Royal Canadian Legion

District "A" (Ontario)

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DISTRICT "A" 2026 SPRING CONVENTION CALL

ATTENTION: Provincial Officers and Guests
District "A" Council
District "A" Deputy Zone Commanders
District "A" Branch Presidents
Ladies Auxiliary Zone Commanders

DATE: April 11 - 12, 2026

HOST: *Host Zone: A-3*
Host Branch: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 642
39 William Street N., Chatham, ON
N7M 4L3 519-351-8733

CONVENTION W.I.S.H. Centre
LOCATION: 177 King Street East, Chatham, ON N7M 2N1

**Legion Dress (Blue jackets, white shirts, grey pants/skirts) will be worn for
All Convention Meetings & Parade.**

(In accordance with the Rituals, Awards & Protocol Manual)

OPENING CONVENTION Saturday, April 11, 2026 ~ 11:15 a.m.
PARADE & SERVICE: Form-up at 11:00 a.m. at Chatham Cultural Centre
75 William St. N., Chatham ON N7M 4L4
All Branch Bands and/or Colour Parties are WELCOME.

OFFICIAL Saturday, April 11, 2026. ~ 1:00 p.m.
OPENING: The formal opening of District 'A' 2026 Spring Convention
W.I.S.H. Centre, 177 King Street N., Chatham ON N7M 3N1

MEETINGS: 1:00 pm – Saturday, April 11, 2026.
9:00 am – Sunday, April 12, 2026.



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REGISTRATION CHAIR: Comrade Nancy Belanger
Mailing Address: 39 William Street N., Chatham, ON N7M 4L3
ATTENTION: Convention Registration
Registration forms can be emailed to: legionbranch642@gmail.com

REGISTRATION: *At Branch 642* → Friday, April 10, 2026. 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
At Branch 642 → Saturday, April 11, 2026. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
W.I.S.H. Cntr → Sunday, April 12, 2026. 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED TO THIS CALL-OUT
*** Note the Registration Deadline on the Registration Form ***

DISTRICT "A" HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

& DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING: 9:00 am – Saturday, April 11, 2026,
at W.I.S.H. Centre, 177 King St. E,
Chatham, ON N7M 3N1

PRESIDENTS' MEETING: 9:30 am – Saturday, April 11, 2026,
RCL Branch 642
39 William Street N., Chatham, ON N7M 4L3
519-351-8733

RESOLUTIONS: Submission deadline for Resolutions is, **March 20, 2026.**
To: Com. Ed McDowell, 3888 Kennedy Drive East,
Windsor, ON N9G 1X7
Fax # 1-519-966-0947 Email: edmcowell388@gmail.com

CONVENTION REPORTS: *Submission deadline: **March 27, 2026.***
All District Council reports to be emailed to Com. Gabriele Janka at:
gaj2gam@gmail.com

***Reminder: please submit reports in the proper **WORD** format*
(top of page please show Report name, and include the Chair's name, with contact information).
Please advise Com. Gabriele if you do not have a report to submit.

Deadline of March 27, 2026; is set for the reports to be printed and ready for distribution at Convention. **LATE REPORTS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CHAIR AND THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRINT 130 COPIES, (at their expense), AND TO DISTRIBUTE ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR TO ENSURE THAT ALL HAVE A COPY.**

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ACCOMMODATIONS

All bookings will be the responsibility of each individual delegate, including District Council.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

575 Richmond Street, Chatham, ON N7M 1R2

Booking Telephone #: 519-351-1100

Please use Group Code: ROY (Royal Canadian Legion)

Discounted group rate starting at \$179.00 plus taxes

All Rooms = 1 King Standard, 2 Queen Standard & 1 King & sleeper sofa.

When booking ask, if there are other room options available at same discounted rate.

Other Option:

Comfort Inn

1100 Richmond Street, Chatham, ON N7M 5J5

Booking Telephone #: 519-352-5500

Please use Group Account: 5147678 (RCL Spring Convention)

Deadline is March 27, 2026, to guarantee the discount rate.

Discount rates for all attendees starting at \$129.00 plus taxes.

All rooms: 1 King Standard, 1 Queen Standard, 2 Queen Standard.

Reminder to request upper floor or ground floor.

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DONATIONS

Would be greatly appreciated at the Convention towards the following:

a) Accepted for the R.C.L. ONTARIO COMMAND POPPY FUND.

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. Ontario Command

- memo line → "POPPY FUND". Donation may be taken from your Poppy Fund.

b) Accepted for R.C.L. ONTARIO COMMAND.

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. Ontario Command

- memo line → "ONTARIO COMMAND – SERVICE BUREAU".
- Donation may be from the Poppy Fund.

c) Accepted for the "HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM".

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. ONTARIO COMMAND.

- memo line → "HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM".
- Donation may be taken from the Poppy Fund.

d) Accepted for the "OPERATION SERVICE DOGS PROGRAM".

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. ONTARIO COMMAND.

- Memo line → "OPERATION SERVICE DOGS PROGRAM".
- If donation is from a Poppy Trust Fund = A Special Use Form MUST be used and Command MUST give approval, then and only then can a cheque be written.

e) Accepted for the R.C.L. ONTARIO COMMAND BURSARY

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. Ontario Command and

- memo line → "BURSARY PROGRAM". Donation may be taken from your Poppy Fund.

f) Accepted for the: R.C.L. ONTARIO COMMAND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. Ontario Command

- memo line → "CHARITABLE FOUNDATION". May be taken from Poppy Fund.

g) Accepted for the "R.C.E.L. (Royal Commonwealth Ex-Serviceman's League)".

Please Make Cheques Payable To: R.C.L. Dominion Command.

- memo line → " R.C.E.L."



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PLEASE REGISTER : NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CONVENTION

Upon arrival, please pay registration fee (\$25.00) and receive your nametag. Proof of paid-up membership required upon registration. Any changes to pre-registration must be supported by formal letter from your Branch President, indicating replacement delegates.
(please print clearly when completing this form)

BRANCH NAME & NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME	ZONE	BRANCH #	DELEGATE	OBSERVER	GUEST

(Place an "x" in appropriate box)

OTHER DELEGATES = *past* District Commanders, *past* Zone Commanders (unless presently on District, Provincial, Dominion Council), *current* Deputy Zone Commanders, *current* Deputy District Sports Officers that do not hold a District Council position - Will be placed on the applicable Branch registration sheet.

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DISTRICT "A" COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED UNLESS NOTIFICATION IS GIVEN THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR OWN HOTEL ROOMS.



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