



## **Legionnaires Arriving in Niagara Falls for 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention**

(Niagara Falls, Ontario) – Members of the Royal Canadian Legion from across Ontario will begin arriving in Niagara Falls, on Friday, May 3, 2019 for the 51<sup>st</sup> biennial Convention of The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command. The convention is the governing body of Ontario Command.

By Sunday, May 5, 2019, more than 560 delegates representing the almost 100,000 members and 399 Branches of Ontario Command will have descended on Niagara Falls for the three day convention being held at the Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel. Many spouses, observers and guests will also attend for a total influx of more than 750 people to the city.

The official opening will take place at the Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel at 12:40p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Prior to the official opening there will be a wreath laying ceremony and parade. The wreath laying ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Cenotaph on Clifton Hill. Mrs. Diana Abel, National Silver Cross Mother 2017, will place a wreath to recognize all wearers of the Silver Cross. The Silver Cross is given to parents or family of members of Canada's Armed Forces, lost in the service of their country.

The parade will immediately march off after the wreath laying ceremony (leaving the Cenotaph at approximately 11:00am). The parade will move down Clifton Hill and turn right onto Niagara Parkway; then turn right onto Falls Avenue and continue to the Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel.

The Dominion 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mr. Bruce Julian will be taking the salute from the saluting base on Falls Avenue in front of the Visitors Center.

Before the convention is adjourned on May 7<sup>th</sup>, numerous issues will have been discussed, considered and a new cadre of Senior officers will have been elected to lead the Provincial Command for the next two years.

In addition to these events, the annual Provincial Public Speaking Competition will be held on the Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 479 Niagara Falls, 5603 Spring Street.

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