

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – OCTOBER 14, 2020

Fellow Comrades

I am writing this today to let you all know what is going on at your Legion.

The Ford Government announced that as of 10 October 2020 that we will be closed for at least 28 days. This does not mean that we will stand down! We will continue to plan for the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day.

Comrade Wyn Fournier is coordinating the poppy campaign and has already sent out a Pod Cast requesting volunteers. This year we will be mostly outside due to the COVID 19 situation. We are not expecting to raise as much money as we normally would but, we will try our best since there are so many people counting on our help. One suggestion is to sell wreaths for 11 November that would be prepaid and pre-positioned prior to our small ceremony. Comrade Peter Walsh has volunteered to coordinator this and we are looking for at least two helpers. If you are interested in a wreath at a cost of 125.00 or to volunteer please call the Peter at 613-406-1706 or email [irish099@me.com](mailto:irish099@me.com)

We will start to sell Legion Masks at the Legion to help raise funds once they become available to us. Our bottle and can drive is going strong and we could use all the bottles and cans you and your neighbors' have. Please bring them in Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 till 2pm.

11 November we will have a ceremony at 11:00, form up at 10:45. A fly past is scheduled also. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we are restricted to 25 people but we will plan for 100. There will be NO marching and everyone must be masked and social distancing will be enforced. Since there is no marching, we will let people sit if they request a chair. If you are interested in attending the Ceremony, the dress is medals, if you have earned them and Legion Dress, if you have it, with headdress if possible. **As we are only permitted 100 people**, we request you call the Legion 613 -859-0601 or email our 1st Vice President, Comrade Ken Green at [pres632@gmail.com](mailto:pres632@gmail.com) to request a spot. Please mention if you require a chair.

After the ceremony, we hope to open the downstairs of the Legion if we will be permitted to be open and have a buffet lunch and the bar will be open if the government permits it. Again, we **MUST** follow the Health guidelines so **we will only be permitted 50 people** in the Legion after the parade! Please call the Ken Green 1st Vice President at 613-859-0601 or email [pres632@gmail.com](mailto:pres632@gmail.com) and state that you wish to be put on the list to be permitted into the Legion and please indicate if you want lunch at a cost of 20.00.

Thanks, to all who have donated their time and or money to help keep our Legion alive.

Yours in Comradeship

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