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On Saturday, 18 August 2007 at 10:30am, The 86th Annual Warriors' Day Parade will take place, commencing just outside the Princes' Gates at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto . This year's parade commemorates the 90th Anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge, a conflict where, on April 9th 1917, Canada's brave soldiers achieved a victory which became a very significant event for Canada and the world.

The reviewing officer for this year's parade is Lieutenant-General W.J. Natynczyk CMM, MSC, CD, Vice Chief of The Defence Staff.

This year we welcome thousands of marchers which include many of Canada's veterans from World War II, Korean War and conflicts in the close past.. As well, military bands, marching contingents and re-enactors from the United States and Canada will participate in the parade creating a unique spectacle.

We are particularly proud to welcome currently serving members of Canada's military service who will march in this historic event. A memorial in the Ricoh Coliseum will be designated in memory of the brave Canadians who have paid the supreme sacrifice in Afghanistan whose names will be read at the beginning of the parade.

The public are invited to view the parade along its' route or from inside the Ricoh Coliseum where the reviewing dais will be located. Immediately following the parade, the Ricoh Coliseum will host 'A Salute to Heroes', a unique tattoo style display of military pageantry and musicianship. Upon entry to the CNE grounds, there is no additional cost to the public to view both events.

The Warriors' Day Parade is the longest running veteran's parade in the free world and offers a unique opportunity to pay tribute to our veterans and remember those brave men and women who gave their lives in the defence of Canada

MWO Chuck Harding (Ret'd), President of the Warrior's Day Parade says "This year's event is going to be the best parade over the past number years, given the contingents from Canada, the United Kingdom and the U.S.A."

More information is available at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca

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