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March 2025

TO: ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE WARRIORS' DAY PARADE

Re: 104th Anniversary Warriors' Day Parade, Sat, August 16th, 2025

The Warriors' Day Parade is pleased to continue the tradition started after World War I of honouring our Veterans in celebration of various events. This year's theme is **"In Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII and the Liberation of the Netherlands."**

We honour all the volunteers, including Veterans, members of Canada's Armed Forces and citizens who have made this event possible year after year.

Our Reviewing Officer will be announced shortly.

Enclosed please find the following information regarding this year's Parade:

- (a) 2025 Parade Order,
- (b) Application for Family Tickets,
- (c) An attractive Poster with general Parade details, and
- (d) Registration form.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 16th, 2025, In Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII and the Liberation of the Netherlands which will once again remind Canadians of the importance of the personal sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces in protecting the freedom, we all enjoy.

This year's parade will again re-live many of our past parades with the reviewing stand located on Princes' Boulevard, directly in front of the Enercare Centre.

We are delighted to advise that GO Transit, including UP Express plus other transit facilities, have once again approved a blanket offer of free transit trips to Veterans, plus one companion, or immediate families of deceased veterans, on

Warriors' Day and Remembrance Day. Other transit companies have also signed on to this program again for 2025.

For a complete list, please check our website at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca for updates from transit providers within the GTA.

In 2025, the Canadian National Exhibition will celebrate 147 years of history, and we wish to acknowledge our integral relationship with the CNE Staff and Board.

The Warriors' Day Parade Council looks forward to your participation in this year's Parade on Saturday, August 16th, 2025. It is the intention of the Warriors' Day Parade Council to continue to hold this annual Parade so long as there are participants and support.

We hope to see you on August 16th.

Mark Stephens, MWO (Ret'd), CD
President
Warriors' Day Parade Council

2025 WARRIORS' DAY PARADE

www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca

PARADE ORDER

Situation : The Warriors' Day Parade Council will conduct this year's Warriors' Day Parade.

1. **WHEN:** Saturday, August 16th, 2025. Markers will form up at 10:00 hours. The Parade moves off at **10:30 hours sharp.**

Please Note - Parking is very limited - Arrive early at the CNE. **Only Veterans having an Ontario Veteran's (Poppy) license plate** will be eligible for free parking in the underground parking lot at the Enercare Centre, off Strachan Avenue.

Mission :

2. **ASSEMBLY AREA:** Gore Park, south of Fort York Armoury, between Fleet Street and Lakeshore Boulevard, east of the Princes' Gates at the C.N.E., and west of Fort York Boulevard.

NOTE: Buses will **NOT** be allowed in Gore Park for safety reasons. Buses are to unload on Fort York Boulevard. Fort York Boulevard is just to the east of Gore Park. Buses are to unload and then move to the bus parking area within the CNE grounds entering via Ontario Drive.

3. **PARADE ROUTE:** The Parade will move off from Gore Park, west on Lakeshore Boulevard, through the Princes' Gates, along Princes' Boulevard, in front of The Enercare Centre. The parade will continue west along Princes' Boulevard and will be instructed by a Parade Marshal to the dispersal area in the parking lot west of the Stanley Barracks.
4. **SALUTING DAIS:** The reviewing stand located on the north side of Princes' Boulevard, directly in front of Enercare Centre.

5. **DISPERSAL AREA:**

- The dispersal for marchers (only) will be in the parking lot west of Stanley Barracks.
- Vehicles will proceed west and exit via Nunavut Drive onto Lakeshore Boulevard.
- Buses will move along Lakeshore after contingents have dismounted in Gore Park (Fort York Boulevard) and RV with the groups in the Ontario Drive parking lot.
- Sunnybrook vets, etc. will be seated on the north side of Princes' Boulevard, in shade and in tent age, with bleachers set up on the south side opposite to Beanfield Centre for members of the general public. The buses will move to Canada Drive for pick up after the parade.

6. **REGISTRATION:** Participation in the Warriors' Day Parade is open to **military, para-military, police, fire and EMS marching contingents, military and para-military, police, fire and EMS bands, veterans' contingents and military-themed living history/re-enactor contingents.** Each participating contingent must be registered at the Registration Tables, located at the west end of Gore Park. **Please register as early as possible.** We encourage contingents to register in advance using the enclosed Registration Form or On-line at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca Please review the information printed on the form carefully.

Contingents, who choose to register in advance, are still required to check in at the Registration Tables on the morning of the Parade to complete the registration process and obtain a registration number.

Please Note: Parking is very limited - arrive early at the CNE.

Registration commences at **08:00** hours and **closes promptly at 10:00 hours.**

Only ONE person per contingent should register. The person registering should be familiar with the full name of the contingent and the representative's name, address, and telephone number.

Upon reporting to the Registration Table, the individual representing the contingent will be issued a standard showing the registration number assigned to that particular contingent. This registration number serves two purposes. The ***first*** is to identify the contingent's name to the announcer during the march past and the ***second***, for judging purposes. **Please ensure this registration number is visible and carried for the full length of the Parade Route.** As the judges are all positioned on south side of Princes' Blvd, markers are to be carried by the left marker. **Please return the marker at the end of the parade.**

As the *Warriors' Day Parade Council* cannot predict the number of Cadets and Scouts available for the Parade, you may be required to provide your own registration number bearer to carry your registration number. **The registration number must be carried in the front rank and on the left-hand side of your unit;** and be visible at all times for the judges and the announcer. Wherever possible, cadets or scouts will be assigned to Bands and Colour parties. (See **Para 10, JUDGING.**)

Please Note: Contingents having few marchers may, if they wish, march together with another group. However, in these cases, only the combined contingent will register and that combined contingent only will be eligible to receive any awards won. Upon amalgamation, the unused registration number(s) must be returned to the registration table. In addition, the combined contingent must decide which name is to be used for judging purposes, for the announcer and the awarding of trophies.

Those individuals unable to march the entire Parade route are invited to 'fall in' with their contingents for the march past. **This 'joining up point' will be just inside the Princes' Gates.**

Registration Tables: Contingents must register at one of the five tables, as listed below:

- **Table A:** Canadian Bands – Brass, Pipes & Drums, Trumpet, Bugle, Fife, Flute, Accordion, etc.
- **Table B:** Canadian Colour Party/Guard
- **Table C:** Allied and Visiting (Must have Foreign address)
- **Table D:** Canadian Veterans' Marching Units and Calvary Contingents
- **Table E:** Serving Forces, Regular and Reserve, Re-enactor/Living History Contingents, Canadian Ex-Service Women's Organizations. Police, Fire, and Paramedic Services

7. **ORDER OF MARCH:**

Honour Section: The Honorary Parade Marshal(s), along with any WWII Veterans,

Section No. 1 Current Serving members of the Canadian Forces including 4th Canadian Division, 31, 32 and 33 Brigades, CF Training schools etc.

Section No. 2 Royal Canadian Legion – Ontario Command, District "D" plus any other Royal Canadian Legion Districts/Branches

Section No. 3 Royal Canadian Naval Association, Regimental Associations, Public Service Veterans, Police, Fire and Emergency Services War Veterans Associations, Unattached Veterans – 1935- 1945, Police Departments, Fire Departments and Paramedic Services, Burma Star Association, Royal Navy Association, Royal Marine Association, Merchant Navy Association, Canadian and British Airborne Forces Associations, St. John's Ambulance Association.

Section No. 4 Allied and Visiting, Re-enactor/Living History Contingents

Section No. 5 Motorcycles, Military & Civilian Vehicles/ MG Vehicles

8. **PARADE MARSHAL:** The Chief Parade Marshal and Deputy Parade Marshals are responsible for the placement of each contingent in the Parade formation. Signs will mark the sections only.
9. **BANDS:** Unattached bands will be assigned a position in the Parade by the Parade Marshal.
10. **JUDGING:** Judging is based on the following:

a) Marching, Colour Guard, Band and Cavalry Contingents:

- i) General effect and Public reaction
- ii) Uniformity and correctness of dress
- iii) Drill, marching deportment and discipline
- iv) Salute given at Princes' Gates

b) Drum Majors (Military and Non-Military):

- i) Marching of Drum Major
- ii) Proper use of the Mace is considered
- iii) General Effect and Public Reaction
- iv) Overall Dress
- v) Salute given at Princes' Gates

Under the direction of the Chief Judge the Judges' decisions are final.

NOTE: Scores are recorded to the Registration Number carried by the appointed person to or from the contingent. **For participating contingents to be judged properly, each unit MUST be properly registered and carrying an assigned registration number.**

There will be no grandstanding in order to obtain higher marks. Any contingent that is seen grandstanding; your marks will be reduced.

Musical performance will not be judged.

11. **WINNERS:** Winners will be advised as soon as possible following the Parade. A **maximum of two** representatives **per contingent will be invited to the Awards Dinner** for presentation of the award. Competition results will be posted on our website at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca.
12. **AWARDS:** The Warriors' Day Parade Council shall determine the number of awards given in each competition (see page 4).
13. **AWARDS DINNER - OCTOBER 4th 2025:** Due to space limitations, **attendance is by "invitation only"** to those contingents being awarded a trophy. Should a Unit win multiple competitions the Council will determine the number of tickets to be issued.
14. **ORDER OF DRESS:** At the discretion of participating contingent.
15. **MILITARY MEDALS AND DECORATIONS:** Military medals and decorations to be worn.
16. **ARMS:** Arms may be carried. The **firing of any weapon, rifle, etc., is prohibited by law** and is not permitted. **Any infringement will immediately disqualify** the contingent from any awards.

17. **COLOURS:** National colours are not to be 'dipped' at any time. Flag Etiquette is as follows:
- (a) In a parade, procession or mounted ride, the Canadian flag should be displayed in the position of honour at the marching right or centre front.
 - (b) When two or more than three flags are flown together, the Canadian flag should be on the left as seen by the spectators located in front of the flags.
 - (c) When a number of countries are represented, the Canadian flag may be flown at each end of the line of flags.
 - (d) When three flags are flown together, the Canadian flag should be in the centre position, with the other flags in alphabetical order, as seen by the spectators viewing the flags.
18. **POSTER:** Please post the enclosed poster on your notice boards, so your members will have advance information.
19. **INFORMATION:** Address any inquiries to: **MWO Mark Stephens CD,
President
c/o 96 Chalmers Drive,
Barrie, ON, L4N 8V9
wdparade@rogers.com**

DO'S AND DON'T'S:

DO'S

- Reply to these instructions quickly and signify your intent to participate to the Registration Officer, Mr. Glenn Mills, Email: gmills@rgmsoftware.com
- When registering, please provide any relevant information about the Contingent that can be used by the Parade Announcer.
- Arrive early at Gore Park on Saturday, August 16th, 2025, to register.
- Follow Parade Marshal's instructions.
- Always display your assigned "Registration number", so the judges can identify you.
- **The Parade Marshal has final authority on who will/will not participate.**
- Register On-Line at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca or complete and return the enclosed Registration Form.

DON'T'S

- **DO NOT discard "Registration numbers" at the end of the Parade.** A Parade official will pick them up from you.
- National flags, standards, guidons, and colours are **NOT** to be dipped during the Parade.

- Firearms carried on Parade are **NOT** to be discharged.
- No knives are to be displayed.
- **No obscenities or offensive material, either written or verbal, are permitted**
- **Banners and flags may not contain 1) commercial advertising or promotional information or 2) messages which are political in nature or offensive.**
- **Amplified music must be at a reasonable level as determined by the Parade Marshals or police officers.**
- **Any parade entry participating in activities, which in the opinion of the Parade Marshals could endanger public safety, will be ejected from the parade and reported to the Police. Such activities include but are not limited to unsafe vehicle speed or operation such as spinning of tires.**
- **All trailers drawn by a motorized vehicle must use a proper hitching device. For example: pin hitch must have a safety pin hitch and safety chains are required on all trailers.**
- For safety purposes family members will not be permitted to march in the parade with veterans.
- Contingents will be disqualified when individuals not in unit dress fall in behind the Contingent prior to the Saluting Dais.
- All Motorcycle Riders **MUST** wear helmets.
- No revving of engines permitted.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

COMPETITIONS OPEN TO COMMONWEALTH VETERANS' ASSOCIATIONS DOMICILED IN CANADA

The Canon Scott Trophy

Marching Formation of 15 or less members – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

The Goodyear Remembrance Trophy

Marching Formation of 16 or more members – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

The Elwood Hughes Trophy

Bands, Brass, Trumpet and Bugle – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

The Hon. L.M. Alexander Pipe Band Award

Pipes and Drums of 20 or less members – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

The Metropolitan Toronto Police Veterans Memorial Trophy

Pipes and Drums of 21 or more members – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

The John Labatt Trophy

Colour Guard/Party of 3 or more members – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

The Lt (N/S) Kay Christie ARRC Memorial Trophy

Ex-Service Women's Organization – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

Lord Mayor's (London, England) Cup Competition

Largest Marching Contingent on Parade

The Frank Jamieson Memorial Trophy - Parade Champions

The Contingent obtaining the highest score

COMPETITION OPEN TO CANADIAN ARMED FORCES – REGULAR & RESERVE

The LCol. The Hon. J. Keller MacKay Memorial Trophy – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

COMPETITION OPEN TO CAVALRY CONTINGENTS

The Brigadier Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the best Cavalry Contingent on Parade – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

MILITARY THEMED RE-ENACTORS & LIVING HISTORY CONTINGENTS

Re-enactors Shield – 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

COMPETITION OPEN TO POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

MWO Leonard Pelletier, CD Memorial Trophy- First Responders – Police, Paramedics, Border, Coast Guard, Commissionaires Active Members Marching Formation - 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

COMPETITIONS OPEN TO NON-VETERAN CANADIAN CONTINGENTS

The Molson Trophy

Bands: Flute, Fife and Drum, Accordion, etc. – 1st, 2nd& 3rd place

Drum Major William MacDougall MacKay, CD Memorial Trophy

Awarded in a competition to a Drum Major of a military or non-military pipes and drums band

COMPETITIONS OPEN TO ALLIED OR VISITING CONTINGENTS

The Samko Trophy

Allied or Visiting Contingent obtaining the highest score - 1st, 2nd&3rd

Platoon / Marching Formations Plaque - 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

Bands Plaque - 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

Colour Party / Colour Guard Plaque - 1st, 2nd& 3rdplace

**WARRIORS' DAY PARADE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2025**



Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Ontario
Please be sure to visit our website at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca

2025 APPLICATION FOR FAMILY TICKETS

Free Family tickets to the Canadian National Exhibition grounds will be issued to and are only for the use of **Canadian or Allied Veterans, or members and ex-members of the Canadian Armed Forces**, and their **IMMEDIATE FAMILIES**. (uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins do not qualify as immediate family)

Free Family tickets **ARE NOT TO BE SOLD, NOR WILL THEY BE HONOURED AFTER 12:00 P.M.**

on the day of the Parade, as all related activities associated with the Parade will be completed at or before that time. **ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE TICKETS WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR ANY C.N.E. COME BACK PROMOTION, DISCOUNT OR SPECIAL OFFER.**

PERSONNEL ON PARADE DO NOT REQUIRE TICKETS TO ENTER THE CNE GROUNDS

Ticket distribution will be either an electronic ticket or if requested by mail. [To apply for electronic tickets, click here.](#) For paper tickets use the form on the next page.

There is NO availability to pick up tickets. Organizations requiring large quantities of tickets for their personnel should make arrangements with the Ticket Chairperson. The person requesting tickets must provide the Name of each person and the Name of the Unit, with whom each served.

Please provide the information requested on the attached form **no later than Friday, August 1st, 2025**, and send it together with a **stamped, self-addressed envelope [with sufficient postage]** to the Ticket Chairperson at the address below. Postage rates are as follows: **1 to 10 tickets –Standard letter mail rate.**

There is a maximum of 10 tickets per veteran's family. Note: Each family member is not entitled to 10 tickets of their own. If more than one family member requests tickets it will be first come first served.

Requests for paper tickets should be submitted to:
Ticket Chairman, Warriors Day Parade Council
105 Hollyberry Trail Toronto, ON M2H 2N9

warriorsdaytickets@gmail.com

WARRIORS' DAY PARADE COUNCIL 2025

APPLICATION FOR PAPER TICKETS

This form is to be used to apply for paper tickets.

[If you prefer electronic tickets instead, click here.](#)

Please send me _____ by mail in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Requests must be received by **August 1st, 2025.**

Postal rates: 1 to 10 tickets –Standard Letter mail rate. Maximum number of tickets 10 per family. **There is NO availability to pickup tickets.** Organizations requiring large quantities of tickets for their personnel should make arrangements with the Ticket Chair. The person requesting tickets must provide the Name of each person and the Name of the Unit, with whom each served.

Ticket Chair **will not** affix postage. Postage rates are as follows: **1 to 10 tickets – minimum \$0.92.**

(Please Print Clearly)

Name of Veteran: _____

Rank: _____ **Name of Veteran's Unit:** _____

Person Requesting: _____ **Relationship to Veteran:** _____

E-mail: _____

Request for these tickets should be submitted to:

**Ticket Chair, Warriors Day Parade Council
105 Hollyberry Trail Toronto, ON M2H 2N9**

warriorsdaytickets@gmail.com

FREE FAMILY TICKETS ARE NOT TO BE SOLD, NOR TO BE GIVEN TO ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON. THE TICKETS WILL NOT BE HONOURED AFTER 12:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE PARADE, AS ALL RELATED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARADE WILL BE COMPLETED AT, OR BEFORE, THAT TIME. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE TICKETS WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR ANY C.N.E. COME-BACK PROMOTION, DISCOUNT OR SPECIAL OFFER.

“I consent to the administrative use by the Canadian National Exhibition Association of my personal information which has been provided to the organizers of the annual Warriors’ Day Parade and understand that the Canadian National Exhibition shall not sell **otherwise provide** such information to third parties, **except as may be required by law.**”

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____

Please Sign Here



Please check if you wish to receive e-mail news and updates about the Parade.



The Warriors' Day Parade, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Parade Registration Form www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca

For Parade Use

**REGISTER THE FASTER WAY USING OUR NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS AT
www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca**

Participation in The Warriors' Day Parade is open to military, para-military marching contingents and bands, veterans contingents police, fire, paramedic services and military-themed living history/re-enactor contingents. Contingents may register online on our website or by using this form. Submit completed forms via email to: wdparade@rogers.com or print and send via regular mail to: Mr. Glenn Mills, 82 Trout Lane, Tiny Township, Ontario, Canada L9M 0J1. Registrations will also be accepted on-site the day of the parade, between 0800 hours and 1000 hours, however, we encourage pre-registration. Pre-registration helps us in both our planning and on parade day. Be sure to refer to the parade information package for complete details, available at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca

Please note. Even though you are pre-registering for the parade, one individual representing your contingent **MUST** check in at the registration tables located on-site in the assembly area on the morning of the parade between 0800 hours and 1000 hours to pick up your Registration Marker.

Contingent Name:

Addr 1:

Addr 2:

Apt/Unit No:

City:

Prov/State:

Postal Code/Zip:

Country:

Primary Contact:

Telephone:

Ext:

Fax

Email Address:

Web Site:

Contingent Type (select from list):

Approx Number on Parade

Check if contingent participated last year

Check if you wish to receive email news about the Warriors' Day Parade

Contingents and bands are judged in various categories of competition during the parade. Refer to the Parade Order for specific information. Each contingent/band will be issued a Registration Number Marker to be carried by an individual accompanying the contingent while on parade as described in the Parade Order. We attempt to have enough volunteers on hand to carry the Marker for each contingent, however, the assistance of contingents in providing their own marker carrier where possible is most appreciated. Please indicate by checking this box if you will be providing your own standard bearer:

We will provide a registration number bearer

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Indicate below any information about your contingent, such as anniversaries, recent trips, awards, etc. that would assist the MC in announcing your contingent.