

Module 2

Commemorations and Ceremonial



CONTENT OUTLINE

MODULE NAME	Commemorations and Ceremonial
MODULE CHAPTERS	Ceremonies Commemoration
MODULE AUDIENCE	This module will benefit any member tasked with organizing and conducting a remembrance ceremony or commemorative event at any time throughout the year. It will also assist every member with a goal of learning basic drill movements.
MODULE DESCRIPTION	Commemorative ceremonies provide Canadians with the opportunity to honour, thank and remember those who have fallen in the military service of Canada. Members following this module will gain the knowledge required to conduct a ceremony and be confident that it is conducted in accordance with proper protocols governing such aspects as the order of service, the order of precedence for the placement of wreaths and remembrance parades.
DURATION OF MODULE REVIEW	Members can anticipate taking up to one hour to review all course material. The material will remain a source for future reference.
LEARNING OUTCOMES	Members completing the module will be able to organize and conduct ceremonies with confidence. .

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COMMEMORATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The Royal Canadian Legion has, since its beginnings, held commemorative services and dedications to provide Canadians with opportunities to recognize significant events involving notable people, places, symbols, anniversaries, and individual accomplishments.

These commemorative services now include everything from the opening and closing of Legion meetings to the annual national Remembrance Day Services. Since many of these services involve traditional ceremonies they require continuity and a certain solemnity and respect.

CHAPLAIN'S MANUAL

Special prayers and the order of divine service of events for these ceremonies are published in the Chaplain's Manual which is available online at:

www.legion.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ChaplainsManual2012_e.pdf

RITUAL, AWARDS AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

This manual prescribes a format and protocol for ceremonial events and also show the symbols of the Legion and how they should be presented and displayed in the correct manner at these events. It is available online at:

www.legion.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Ritual_Awards_Protocol_English_DEC_20151.pdf

LEGION DRESS

It is also very important that as members of The Royal Canadian Legion we wear the uniform in a proper and dignified manner.

When we are dressed in our uniform we represent the Legion and what it stands for and demonstrate our pride in our organization and our country.

The Legion uniform should be worn while attending all formal Legion functions, including meetings, funerals, Remembrance Services and all other occasions when we are representing the Legion.

How to wear a uniform correctly and the appropriate times to do so are clearly defined in the Ritual Awards and Protocol Manual, which also covers the proper times and ways to display decorations and service medals on the Legion dress.

CONCLUSION

The policy of the Legion is to be open and accepting of comrades from all walks of life and religious affiliation, and to show respect for those with whom we differ.

Commemorative services can therefore be modified or adjusted to suit any particular occasion as long as they are inclusive and respectful of all those who are present.