



## Veteran Selection Policy

### Introduction and Responsibilities

The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) received a generous offer from the Ottawa Senators again this year to honor a veteran and up to 9 guests at each of the 44 home games of the season. Lépine Apartments will host the veteran and guests in a private suite and a formal announcement honoring their career will be made during the game.

Even though the RCL recognizes RCMP members as ordinary members, unfortunately, this offer is to recognize Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) veterans and therefore only CAF veterans will be considered.

As District G has been assigned to select the veterans, the District G Commander is responsible to ensure the veterans are nominated and selected. However, as the Canadian Tire Center is located within the boundaries of the City of Ottawa, the Zone G5 Commander has been tasked to create a selection committee and to coordinate the participation of all selected nominees.

The Zone G5 Deputy Commander has been assigned as the Liaison Officer between the veteran and the Ottawa Senators and will coordinate all aspects of the registration and the administration process.

### Nomination

Upon a successful nomination submission, the president of the sponsoring branch will contact the nominee to verify their veteran status and inform them of their nomination. If the nominee agrees to let their name stand, they will be asked to provide the following information:

- Retired rank
- Jersey size
- Years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces
- A biography (500 words max)
- A photo

### Selection Process

The members of the Selection Committee are:

1. Zone G5 Commander – Chair
2. Zone G5 Deputy Commander – Member
3. Immediate Past Zone G5 Commander – Member



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While reading the biography, each file will be ranked using a score sheet that will evaluate many factors including the member's years of service, deployments, and overall impression of the member's file.

There will be regular Selection Meetings to ensure deserving veterans have been selected in time for all 44 home games.

Once the nominees have been selected, the remaining files will be ranked to create a standby list that will be used in case that a veteran cancels their participation.

### Administration

Once the nominees have been selected, the Zone G5 Deputy Commander will contact each veteran to determine the game that is best suited for them.

For administration purposes, the names of all guests are to be forwarded to the Zone G5 Deputy Commander no later than 14 days prior to the game.

It is assumed that the nominees will make every reasonable effort to attend the game. However, and if a nominee must cancel his participation, they must advise the Zone G5 Deputy Commander as soon as possible.

Of note, this program is not subsidized by the RCL and all costs are assumed by the nominee and their guests.