

# Connection 254

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For The Yukon*



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## *Yukon Rendezvous 2024 Whitehorse Legion Event Calendar*

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# Whitehorse Legion President



Joe Mewett, CD

Welcome to another edition of Connections 254, The Voice of The Legion for the Yukon. Happy New Year and I hope that 2024 brings lots of prosperity and good health to all.

We had a successful 2023 overall. There were a lot of community events over the past year, including Canada Day and Remembrance Day. Many thanks to the Yukon communities, the

local Whitehorse people and organizations that have helped us throughout 2023. We look forward to working with and supporting you in 2024.

Branch elections for the 2024 Executive were held in November and there are many returning faces and some new ones. Continuity and change are a good mixture as this allows us to maintain some of our long-standing traditions and create new ones for the future.

Having new people on our executive lets us bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to the board. Like the military and RCMP, the Legion has some long-standing values, traditions and roots. Every organization needs tweaking from time to time. This allows us to adapt to stay current with the community around us.

The returning executive members and I would like to welcome the new board members. We look forward to creating an exciting 2024 for the Whitehorse Legion and the Yukon with our new board members. The membership and I would like to thank the 2023 executive for all that was done and for helping us make it through another year.

For those members who have left the board, we thank you for your dedication and input during the time you served. We look forward to your support as a branch member and seeing you at our many events in the coming years.

During the past year, we have lost members, whether they be Veterans, Associates or Affiliate members; it is our duty to remember and honour them. Some have passed away, others have moved on to be reunited with their families and friends in other parts of Canada and the world. We have elderly members now living in Senior Assisted Living Residences who cannot get out to functions, so it is essential that we try to visit them as often as we can.

We have also welcomed many new members and some previous members back to the Whitehorse Legion Family. We hope to see you at the many events we offer, and that if and when required, we can be there to provide assistance for any arising emergencies or unexpected events.

Rendezvous is just around the corner, and you will find that the Whitehorse Legion has many events planned. Our Rendezvous events are listed in this paper's centre fold, Connection 254. Planning is underway for Canada Day and Remembrance Day in 2024. If there are other important dates that you feel the branch should recognize or pay tribute to, please let us know, and we would welcome you to help us plan this event.

2024 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Whitehorse Legion is in the planning stages for this event. We are working with various local individuals and organizations to help us recognize this milestone in Canadian Military Aviation history.

The Yukon will also celebrate another historic milestone this year as the Yukon Conservation Officer Services celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Since 1949, they have officially been helping to protect wildlife and the environment in the Yukon. They advise, train and monitor hunters, anglers, trappers, visitors and many more on protecting themselves and appropriately interacting with wildlife and the environment. They may have been known once as Game Guardians, Game Wardens or various other names, but today, they are known as Yukon Conservation Officers. We want to thank these individuals, who are also considered Peace Officers, for the job they have done and will continue to do for many years.

The Whitehorse Legion also recognizes and tries to support First Responders and Peace Officers in the Yukon to the best of our ability. These brave individuals are involved in the community daily, protecting its citizens, structures, and much more to ensure everyone's safety and well-being.



100th Anniversary  
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# Whitehorse Legion Service Officer

Branch Service Officers are the eyes and ears of the Veterans Services Network at the grassroots level. They are the ones who most often are the first to come in contact with Veterans and/or their families when they require assistance.

The Whitehorse Legion is currently looking for a new Branch Service Officer. Our former Branch Service Officer has decided to step down from this position but will continue to serve Veterans, First Responders, their families, and Yukoners in other capacities. We want to thank Jon Hall for all his work during his time with the Whitehorse Legion and his service in the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Branch Service Officer (BSO) is usually the initial point of contact for individuals needing assistance from the Legion or Veterans Affairs Canada. The BSO can be called upon to respond to various questions and situations. They can be as simple as a request to occupy Winch House or Honour House when visiting Vancouver for medical reasons or a request for emergency financial assistance or a food gift card. The range and scope can be simple or very broad, depending on the complexity. If the Branch Service Officer does not have the answers, then it is their duty to find the answer or someone who can.

There are many resources and personnel with knowledge and experience to help and guide you. Dealing with many agencies, both nationally and locally, can be very challenging because each has its own specific mandates.

Veterans Affairs Canada, VETS Canada, Wounded Warriors, Soldier On or locally Safe at Home and Blood Ties Four Directions Centre are only a few of the organizations we have access to help Veterans and their families. Other groups like The Post Traumatic Growth Association (PTGA) and Shoulder 2 Shoulder have contacted us to provide events in the Yukon to help raise funds to support Veterans and events to bring Veterans and First Responders together.

Working with all these agencies, both locally and nationally, opens many doors. During service, Veterans and First Responders are exposed to many horrors, and unfortunately, they can follow them home, and this now affects their families. The Legion aims to try to improve the lives of the Veterans and their families.

This is a volunteer position and training/guidance will be provided. How many hours you dedicate to this is up to you but you will find it very rewarding. If you want more information about the Branch Service Officer position, please email [branch254serviceofficer@gmail.com](mailto:branch254serviceofficer@gmail.com).

If you are a Veteran, retired Service Member, First Responder or a family member in need of support, please reach out. [Branch254ServiceOfficer@gmail.com](mailto:Branch254ServiceOfficer@gmail.com) or 867-667-2800. In an emergency please dial 911.

## Some events that are coming up in 2024 for Yukon Veterans & First Responders:



Sponsored by the Post-Traumatic Growth Association open to all Veterans and First Responders:

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Laser Tag at Sergeant Greg, 118 Galena Road, Unit C, Whitehorse

**Start time is 7pm**

To register please email [rebecca.murphy@ptga.ca](mailto:rebecca.murphy@ptga.ca) or [alison.harper@yukon.ca](mailto:alison.harper@yukon.ca)

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Second Annual PTGA Fun Day at Meadow Lakes Golf Club

Join us for a fun golf day with a little competition: Veterans & RCMP vs EMS & Fire Department

To register please email [rebecca.murphy@ptga.ca](mailto:rebecca.murphy@ptga.ca)



Sponsored by Shoulder 2 Shoulder - (Adaptive Skiing for Veterans with disabilities)

This event is full and is being run at Mount Sima for the first time.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>** - Adaptive Skiing for Veterans with disabilities.

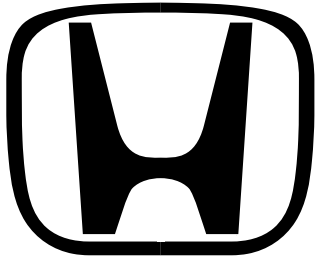
They will be in Whitehorse for a week at Mount Sima and the Whitehorse Legion is helping support this event.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact: [jamescooney@cadski.com](mailto:jamescooney@cadski.com) or [www.cadski.com](http://www.cadski.com)

Always remember that if you are a Veteran, First Responder or family member or even still serving, and find yourself struggling or in need of help or guidance, the Whitehorse Legion may be able to provide assistance or point you in the right direction.

***"Sometimes asking for help is the bravest move you can make. You don't have to go it alone."***

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# Verterans Affairs



## Attention Veterans of the Canadian Military & RCMP as well as their families and members still serving

Veterans Affairs has multiple trips planned to the Yukon in 2024.

At the request of the Whitehorse Legion, VAC will also visit some of the communities to make it easier and more convenient for current and future VAC clients to access them face-to-face.

If you want to meet with them to discuss your current disability claims, file an application, or need information, an appointment can be booked.

Whitehorse appointments will be conducted in a private office in the Whitehorse Legion building. Community meeting locations have yet to be confirmed.

### Dates and locations (confirmation pending)

**March 25/26** – Whitehorse (Confirmed)

**Week of June 17**

Dawson City (June 20) and Whitehorse (Confirmed)

**August** – Dates and Locations (To Be Confirmed)

**Week of November 11**

Whitehorse for Remembrance Service and meetings, other locations (To Be Confirmed)

If you were injured or suffered from any physical or mental disability or illness due to your service, you might be eligible for some compensation. This compensation can be financial (money, housing, food, etc), help with medical needs (therapy, counselling, medication, etc) or schooling to provide you with training to re-enter the workforce.

Services can also be provided to affected family members.

There are many ways in which Veterans Affairs Canada and the Royal Canadian Legion can help.

**Make the call; it could change your life.**

Please call or email the Whitehorse Legion Branch Service Officer at [branch254serviceofficer@gmail.com](mailto:branch254serviceofficer@gmail.com) or 876-667-2800 to arrange a meeting.



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# Whitehorse Legion Auxillary

The Legion Auxiliary is a group of dedicated volunteers who do a lot of behind-the-scenes work with the aim of fundraising and supporting the many activities and events held at the Legion. Some of these events range from catering parties and formal dinners to conducting bake and craft sales. The funds provided or collected at these events help keep the doors open.

The Whitehorse Legion provides a quiet social escape for Veterans & First Responders. It enables them to be around people who support and understand their occupation/lifestyle choices.

*“We should all find a quiet place, a peaceful space, to bury the chaos and rest for a while”  
– Author Christy Ann Martine.*

It is all about finding the calm in the chaos. Without the work of the Legion Auxiliary, there would be no calm place to escape the chaos.

Some events are planned for 2024, with many more opportunities for the LA to help support the Whitehorse Legion.

**If you are interested in supporting the great work the Legion Auxiliary does, or joining the Whitehorse Legion, please email [branch254@northwestel.net](mailto:branch254@northwestel.net) or call 867-667-2800**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# The Whitehorse Legion is calling all Yukon Veterans

### Are you missing medals?

Have they been lost over the years or stolen?



Have you served a minimum of 30 days cumulative service on a UN or NATO peacekeeping mission prior to September 2000? You could be eligible for the CPSM.

Are you missing a Service Pin or your Certificate of Service (CF 54)?

You are eligible to receive a Veteran's Service Card (VSC) if you have completed basic training and been honourably released from the Canadian Armed Forces.



Do you need assistance or benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada?

Have you been ill or injured from your service?



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