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The 94th Annual Warriors' Day Parade will take place on Saturday, August 22nd, 2015, 10:30am at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

More than 2,000 Veterans and currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces and allies will march into Exhibition Place through the historic Princes' Gates and along Princes' Boulevard to the sounds of military bands, pipes and drums, and cheering crowds.

Established in 1921, The Warriors' Day Parade is the longest-running Veteran's parade in the free world and offers a unique opportunity to honour and pay tribute to our Veterans and the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces. It is also an important day on which we remember those brave men and women who gave their lives in the defence of Canada and its allies.

This year we commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Victory in World War II.

Our country's great efforts in the Second World War involved virtually the whole country whether by serving in the military or by serving on the home front in industry or agriculture. More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the military — more than 45,000 gave their lives and another 55,000 were wounded. While the great powers made more significant contributions to the war effort; for a country of only 11 million people Canada's contribution was remarkable. At war's end, Canada had become a significant military power with the world's third largest navy, the fourth largest air force and an army of six divisions. Canada had grown significantly through the ordeal of war and assumed new responsibilities as a leading member of the world community. (Veterans Affairs Canada)

We are honoured to welcome The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to the 94th Warriors' Day Parade.

We welcome our 2015 Reviewing Officer, General Jonathan H. Vance, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff.

We are greatly honoured to welcome this years Honourary Parade Marshals, Veterans representing all Veterans who served with the Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Navy.

The saluting dais will be located on the north side of Princes Blvd., just west of the Princes' Gates.

We welcome all participants including Veterans from World War II, the Korean War, Afghanistan, other recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions. Many military bands, marching contingents and re-enactors from the United States and Canada will participate in the parade creating a unique spectacle. A number of historic vehicles will also participate, providing rides to Veterans who wish to continue to participate in their parade.

Thanks to the Canadian National Exhibition, a large number of public seats will be available on the south side of Princes' Blvd. opposite the saluting dais, offering the public an up-close viewing experience as the parade marches past.

MWO Mark Stephens CD, President of the Warriors' Day Parade Council said "As we mark our 94th Anniversary we offer our sincere thanks to the many hard working volunteers who make the event possible each year. We also thank the Canadian National Exhibition for their tremendous commitment for the Warriors' Day Parade over the last 94 years. This year's parade promises to be spectacular as we commemorate the 70th Anniversary Victory in WWII.

We are particularly proud to welcome the Toronto Scottish Regiment to this year's parade as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary and the Provost Corps, celebrating their 75th Anniversary.

As well, we extend a warm welcome to members of the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association (L'association Westlake Brothers Souvenir) from Caen, France. The Association keeps alive the memory of all Service men and women who served in WWII.

Marching contingents and Veterans will begin forming up at Gore Park beginning at 9:30am in preparation of the start of the parade at 10:30am. The Reviewing Officer and other VIP guests will greet Veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital, the Tony Stacey Centre and War Amps in the area surrounding the Saluting Dais beginning at 10:00am. Photo opportunities for the media will be available at these locations.

More information is available at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca Twitter feed @wdparade

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