



MEDIA ADVISORY

97th WARRIORS' DAY PARADE AT THE CNE Saturday, August 18, 2018 – 10:30 AM

What: The 97th Annual Warriors' Day Parade

When: Saturday, August 18, 2018

9:30 – 10:15 AM – Gore Park. Parade begins to form up. **Photo and interview opportunities with Veterans.**

10:00 – 10:15 AM – Area around Saluting Dais – (Saluting Dais located on the north side of Princes' Boulevard in front of the Enercare Centre, Hall "D" Entrance). VIPs meet with Veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital, the Tony Stacey Centre

10:10 AM The Band of the Governor General's Horse Guards begin to play in front of the reviewing stand.

10:15 AM The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Honorary Patron of The Warriors' Day Parade Council on the Saluting Dais. Band of the Governor General's Horse Guards play the Vice Regal Salute. VIP's take their places in the Saluting Dais area. Brigadier-General Brian McPherson and General (retired) Walt Natynczyk CMM MSC CD receive the General Salute.

10:20 AM Playing of O Canada and the Royal Anthem.

10:25 AM Two minutes of silence in tribute to all those who gave their lives in defence of Canada and its allies. Last Post and Reveillie will be played. The Royal Regiment of Canada Band march back to the Princes' Gates

10:30 AM Parade begins with the entrance of the Governor General's Horse Guards Cavalry, Toronto Police Service Mounted Unit, followed by this year's Honourary Parade Marshals, Maj. Wayne MacCulloch, CD, National President CAVUNP, Capt. Mortimer Lightstone, CD, Veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War and Sgt. John Lo Bianco CD, representing Canadian Police officers that have participated in and led over 53 international peacekeeping missions.

Where: The Canadian National Exhibition / Princes' Gates - Parade will march through the historic Princes' Gates and along Princes' Boulevard and make its way through the CNE grounds. The Saluting Dais will be located on the north side of Princes Blvd., just west of the Princes' Gates.

Who: More than 2,000 Veterans and currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, including Canadian veterans from World War II, the Korean War, Afghanistan, other recent conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

- The Honourable, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- BGEN B.W.G. MacPherson, Commandant of the Canadian Forces College
- Mr. John Kiru – President CNEA
- Ms. Virigina Ludy – Chief Executive Officer, Canadian National Exhibition
- MWO Mark Stephens (Ret'd) CD – President Warriors' Day Parade Council
- Mr. Knox Henry – Warriors' Day Parade Honourary Chairman
- Warriors' Day Parade Past Presidents and Life Members
 - LCol John Burns (Ret'd), CD
 - LCol Jack Lee (Ret'd), CD
 - Maj Donald Duthie (Ret'd), SBStJ, CD
 - Capt. Stewart Kellock (Ret'd), MOM, OStJ, CD
 - Capt. Mort Lightstone (Ret'd), CD
 - MWO George MacLean (Ret'd), CD
 - MWO Leonard Pelletier (Ret'd), CD
 - CWO (Ret'd) John Speirs, MMM, CD
- Military bands, marching contingents, re-enactors, a number of historic military vehicles will also participate, providing rides to Veterans who wish to continue to participate in their parade.

Media / Photo Opportunities:

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| 9:30 AM | Gore Park located east of the Princes' Gates – Veterans form up for parade |
| 10:15 AM | Saluting Dias area where dignitaries are gathering, along with veterans from war veterans hospitals |
| 10:30 AM | Parade begins |

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