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103rd ANNIVERSARY WARRIORS' DAY PARADE AT THE CNE Saturday, August 17, 2024 – 10:30 AM

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The 103rd Anniversary Warriors' Day Parade will take place on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, 10:30am at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

More than 1,500 Veterans, military associations, currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces and allies along with members of police, fire and paramedic services 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 and our first responders. 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, the parade is honoured to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and the RCAF Centennial.

We welcome our 2024 Reviewing Officer, Major-General David Fraser, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD (Ret'd) Honorary Colonel of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

We welcome this year's Honorary Parade Marshal Lieutenant-General (H) Richard Rohmer, OC, CMM, DFC, O.Ont. K.StJ, CD, OfL, QC, BA, LLB, JD, LLD, DScMIL.

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. In addition, we welcome police, fire and paramedic services. Many military bands, marching contingents and re-enactors will participate in the parade

creating a unique spectacle. A number of historic and classic vehicles will also participate, providing rides to Veterans who wish to continue to participate in their parade.

Thanks to the Canadian National Exhibition, seating 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.

Major Sandra Bullock (Ret'd) CD, President of the Warriors' Day Parade Council said "As we mark our 103rd Anniversary we offer our sincere thanks to the many hard-working volunteers who make the Parade possible each year. We also thank the Canadian National Exhibition for its tremendous commitment for the Warriors' Day Parade over the last 103 years. The year-round efforts of our volunteers are dedicated to all Veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces and first responders".

Marching contingents and Veterans will begin forming up at Gore Park beginning at 9:00am in preparation of the start of the parade at 10:30am. The Reviewing Officer and other VIP guests will greet Veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital, 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

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