Hate Groups

The Legion has an existing policy concerning Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs, approved by DEC in April 2018. This policy prohibits the wearing of gang colours at Legion events and premises as it is contrary to the Legion's Articles of Faith and is disrespectful of the sacrifices made by our Veterans.

Recently, it became evident that the Legion also urgently needed a clearly defined organizational policy concerning hate groups to prohibit any Legion linkage, involvement or association with any individual, group or organization whose views or actions are contrary to the values of the Legion and Canada. This policy needed to be more encompassing than the guidance previously provided specific to Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs. As a result, the Going Forward Committee drafted the following policy, which DEC reviewed and approved.

Legion Policy: Hate Groups

The Royal Canadian Legion does not support or tolerate any group or organization whose views or actions are contrary to our values and those of our country. The beliefs of any group with which we interact must align with and reflect the Legion's founding Articles of Faith and General By-laws.

As such, no Branch or Command within the Legion may affiliate itself in any manner whatsoever with a group or organization that promotes or is known to promote hatred or violence due to ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other social determinant. This also applies to Legion support of groups affiliated with organizations that espouse hostility.

Command and Branch Executive, and Legion members must use their best judgement to ensure policy compliance. The ultimate determination as to what constitutes a prohibited group lies with Dominion Command; its determination is final and will govern.

Any Branch or Command having doubts about a group's history or its suitability to associate with the Legion, must obtain advice from Provincial Command or Dominion Command, respectively. Noncompliance with this policy is punishable up to and including an Article III expulsion within the Legion's General By-laws.