

## **70th anniversary of Liberation of France**

### **Nominations for Legion of Honour**

All CME units and CME Family Members are requested to give the following notice the widest possible distribution to Serving and Retired CME personnel and veterans. In particular, units are to ensure that veterans who form part of their local extended CME Family are made aware of this information.

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of France during WW II, France wishes to honour the surviving Canadian veterans who contributed to this liberation by awarding a number of them the Legion of Honour.

The applicable correspondence on this activity is attached. Final submissions must be received by the Veterans Affairs office by 31 December 2013.

We wish to ensure that our Royal Canadian Engineers and Engineers who served with the RCAF or RCN and contributed to the Liberation of France receive fair recognition of their valiant efforts.

Nominations can come from colleagues, groups/associations self, and family members. See Nomination Form attached.

The Canadian Military Engineers Association will be co-ordinating our input to Veterans Affairs.

**Any Intention to make a nomination should be advised at the earliest possible opportunity to our co-ordinator, LCol Ken Holmes, RCE (Ret'd) at [CME.Research@sympatico.ca](mailto:CME.Research@sympatico.ca) .**

**This deadline is 16 December 2013**

Draft narratives would also be helpful and Ken Holmes is available to assist in the finalization of the required narrative.

Please disseminate this information as widely as possible in an effort to identify all potential candidates for this honour.

NOMINATION FORM  
NATIONAL ORDER OF THE LEGION OF HONOUR

Protected information when completed

Person being nominated :	
Mr/Mrs/Ms Given names	
Address	
City	Province
	Postal Code
Language of choice	Date and place of birth :
Telephone No	

Posting:	Rank and Regimental number :
Regimental Information:	
Date and place of Landing in France:	
Wounded in action:	
French Campaign :	French Decorations :
Canadian/British Decorations, Citations :	
Narrative (if insufficient space, attach a separate sheet):	
Nominated By :	
Mr/Mrs/Ms Full Name	
Address	Telephone No
City	Province
	Postal Code
Signature	Date

Please send completed form NO LATER THAN December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to:  
 Veterans Affairs Canada  
 Commemoration Division  
 Attention: Christian Glauninger  
 66 Slater Street  
 Ottawa, ON  
 K1A 0P4



AMBASSADE DE FRANCE  
AU CANADA

L'Attaché de défense

N° 425

Ottawa, November 8, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

As part of events commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landings in Normandy and Provence, France wishes to honour the veterans who took part in these operations. Some of these veterans will be nominated to or promoted within the National Order of the Legion of Honour, the highest decoration that France can bestow.

In order to compile the corresponding dossiers, the Embassy will identify the preferred profiles, which is to say veterans who took part in combat or military landing operations, or the liberation of France. Canadian or foreign decorations already held by veterans may represent useful criteria for selection.

The Ambassador of France in Canada has officially informed the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Julian Fantino, of this project. I would ask for your assistance in identifying and selecting veterans with a view to compiling dossiers regarding requests for decorations. These dossiers must be sent to Canada Remembers, 66 Slater St – 17<sup>th</sup> Floor – Ottawa, ON – K1A, 0P4, for verification before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. They will subsequently be sent to the Embassy of France.

You will find attached an example of the form that each applicant will be required to complete, detailing the applicant's military service, as well as the other necessary steps in the application process.

I remain at your disposal should you require any further information.

Christophe Balducchi

Veterans associations of Canada



Dear Sir or Madam:

On June 6, 2014, Canada will mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Many activities will take place to honour those who lost their lives in the service of Canada and to preserve the memory of their sacrifices and achievements.

The Government of France would like to pay special tribute to Canadian Veterans who were part of that campaign by appointing them to the Legion of Honour, the highest honour conferred by the Government of France. The Department of Veterans Affairs has agreed to support this initiative, and we encourage you to participate by nominating candidates for this prestigious decoration.

The Embassy of France is looking for candidates who took part in the battles and military operations surrounding the landings and the campaign to liberate France between June 6 and August 31, 1944. The decorations will be awarded in recognition of outstanding achievements in military or civilian life.

Enclosed you will find a nomination form and the accompanying letter the Embassy of France describing their initiative. Please note that nominations must be received no later than December 31, 2013, at the following address:

Veterans Affairs Canada  
Commemoration Division  
Attention: Christian Glauninger  
66 Slater Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0P4

We are tremendously indebted to those who served Canada and fought protect our rights and freedoms. I invite you to take this opportunity to express your gratitude by nominating a candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "André Levesque". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'L'.

Andre Levesque  
Director General, Commemoration

Enclosures