

Alternative Proposal



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**WE HAVE THE ALTERNATIVE OF PROGRESS AT THIS MEETING
OR
STOP**

At earlier meetings the Legion presented four options as the way ahead to from a single veteran's organization. They were:

- Option #1 – Maintain the Status Quo
- Option #2 – Smaller Organizations Unite
To Form A New Federation
- Option #3 – Merge With The RCL As The Biggest Organization
- Option #4 – Establish A Federation Of Veterans Within The RCL Structure

All of these were rejected by the members present

Alternate proposal for consideration

- Develop a Canadian veteran's organization that utilizes the benefits provided by the Royal Canadian Legion while maintaining the organizational structure, *dress and badges* of other veteran's organizations.
- Maintain the Legion name but in brackets after the name add "Canada's Veterans Organization or Association"
- Include in the Board of Directors of the Legion a representative from the other veteran's organizations that join under the revised Legion name. *This would be done on a rotating basis between those organizations that join.*

Matters for future resolution

- size of veterans organizations joining that would be eligible for the Director's rotation;
- period the position would be held (one or two years);
- services to be provided by the Legion to the joining organizations, and which ones the joining organizations would expect to use e.g. publishing an organization's newsletter, collecting their dues etc;
- dues required by the Legion for providing services;
- carrying of other organizations flags e.g. UN in official colour parties;
- wearing of a small patch with "C.V.O. or C.V.A" beneath the crest of each organization, and
- acceptance of either Canada's Veterans Organization or Canada's Veterans Association.

Transition Committee

- If all members of the current working group recognizes and accepts the above
- then a Transition Committee be set up composed of the Legion and the Post War Organizations wishing to form a New Veterans Organization
 - which would have as its main purpose speaking to the Government and public with one voice!

This Transition Committee would have 6 months to develop a plan for a new Canadian Veterans Organization for the present and upcoming generations. The Chair to be selected from the organizations participating in the development of the revised association/organization