

OTTAWA SENATORS
HERO'S RIDGE PROGRAM
SELECTION POLICY

INTRODUCTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Royal Canadian Legion received a generous offer from the Ottawa Senators again this year to honor a veteran and up to 9 guests at each of the 44 home games of the season. Lépine Apartments will host the veteran and guests in a private suite and a formal announcement honoring their career will be made during the game.

Even though the RCL recognizes RCMP members as ordinary members, unfortunately, this offer is to recognize Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) veterans and therefore only CAF veterans will be considered.

As District G has been assigned to select the veterans, the District G Commander is responsible to ensure the veterans are nominated and selected. However, as the Canadian Tire Center is located within the boundaries of the City of Ottawa, the Zone G5 Commander has been tasked to create a selection committee and to coordinate the participation of all selected nominees.

The Zone G5 Deputy Commander has been assigned as the Liaison Officer between the veteran and the Ottawa Senators and will coordinate all aspects of the registration and the administration process.

NOMINATIONS

As this is a District G effort, all branches within District G will be invited to submit nominations by a specific date using the applicable submission form and forwarded to the Zone G5 Deputy Commander, Brent Craig by email at: brentcraig791@gmail.com. Furthermore, the submissions must follow these guidelines:

- 1- All submissions must first be supported by the branch. (Note All veterans are eligible to be nominated they do not have to be a Legion member)
- 2- The President must inform the nominee that they are being nominated.
- 3- The submission must be accompanied by the veteran's military biography.
- 4- The biography is limited to one page using a minimum font of 11.

SELECTION PROCESS

The members of the Selection Committee are:

- 1- Zone G5 Commander – Chair
- 2- Zone G5 Deputy Commander – Member
- 3- Immediate Past Zone G5 Commander- Member

While reading the biography, each file will be ranked using a score sheet that will evaluate many factors including the member's years of service, deployments and overall impression of the member's file.

There will be regular Selection Meetings to ensure deserving veterans have been selected in time for all 44 home games.

Once the nominees have been selected, the remaining files will be ranked to create a standby list that will be used in case that a veteran cancels their participation.

ADMINISTRATION

Once the nominees have been selected, the Zone G5 Deputy Commander will contact each veteran to determine the game that is best suited for them.

For administration purposes, the names of all guests are to be forwarded to the Zone G5 Deputy Commander no later than 14 days prior to the game.

It is assumed that the nominees will make every reasonable effort to attend the game. However, and if a nominee must cancel his participation, they must advise the Zone G5 Deputy Commander as soon as possible.

Of note, this program is not subsidized by the RCL and all costs are assumed by the nominee and their guests.