

54th ANNUAL
CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL WEEKEND
June 5,6,7 2026

To All Members and Friends of Odd Fellowship:

Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Canadian War Memorial Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony to be held on June 5,6,7, 2026.

Our headquarter's hotel will be the Best Western Plus, Ottawa Civic Centre, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. Room rates are \$189.00 per night Queen Bed(s) \$ 199.00 per night for King Bed (Canadian funds plus applicable taxes). SEE PAGE 2 FOR RESERVATION.

Rooms in our block are limited and must be ordered before **May 6 , 2025**. All rooms will be released after this date. **Blocks are for Fri, Sat and Sun nights.**

Our annual banquet and entertainment will be held at the hotel 1274 dining room on Saturday, June 6st . The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship and cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the banquet are \$70.00 and must be ordered in advance, No later than May 15. Your choice of **Chicken, Salmon or Beef** must be shown on the **pre registration form attached**. Suggested dress code is men in tuxedo, business suit or military uniform. For the ladies is street length dress or formal gown.

Our **Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony** will take place on **Sunday, June 7th** at the National War Memorial commencing at 11:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided. Wreaths are made of artificial flowers and can be used for many years. Those Jurisdictions who currently have a wreath are urged to have a representative available to present their wreath. The name of the person should be sent to the Secretary no later than May 15, 2026. If no representative is available, the committee will find an able body to present your wreath. Jurisdictions that do not have a wreath and would like to order one may do so by contacting the Secretary. The cost of a new wreath is \$200.00 and must be ordered no later than March 1, 2026.

On Friday evening there will be a informal get together in the Club 1274 Lounge from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Banquet tickets** will be available for pick-up at that time.

On Saturday we have scheduled no events for group participation for Saturday morning, however last year many people who arrived Friday evening decided on exploring Ottawa. See information on page 2.

The committee is looking forward to greeting you in Ottawa June 5,6,7, 2026

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the secretary

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To make reservations, please have call, fax or e-mail as follows:

Direct Line 613-728-1951 Ext. 0 (do not use the central booking system call the direct line)

E-mail Frontdesk@ottawabestwestern.com

When making reservations, guests should refer to **Canadian War Memorial or Block ID 2595**, in order to obtain the special group block rate. The guest must provide a credit card for the first nights room and tax. The individual room reservation cancellation policy is up to 48 Hours prior to arrival. If the reservation is cancelled less than 48 hours of arrival, a one night room and tax charge will apply as a penalty.

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Schedule of events.

June 5 2026 - Meet and Great at the 1274 restaurant 7PM until 9 PM. Banquet ticket pick-up

June 6 2026 - Banquet Social at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM in 1274 restaurant. Banquet ticket pickup

June 7 2026 - The 1274 restaurant will be open at 7 AM for breakfast

June 7 2026. - The Bus leaves the hotel at 10 AM sharp. Wreath laying at 11 AM following the changing of the guard. The bus will arrive back at the hotel between 12.30 and 1 PM.

Hotel checkout is 11 AM. The Committee will try to make a room available for luggage storage.

There are many things to do in Ottawa.

Museums:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_Ottawa

Shopping:

<https://www.byward-market.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparks_Street

<https://ca.usembassy.gov/u-s-embassy-ottawa/>