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### **LEGION OPENS BRANCH IN MEXICO**

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH OPENS IN LAKE CHAPALA, MEXICO**

OTTAWA, November 29, 2012 – Gordon Moore, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion, announced the formal presentation of the New Charter to the Lake Chapala, Mexico Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion earlier today here at Dominion Command.

“The fact that through your branch we have now expanded the Legion’s presence into Mexico speaks to the vitality of the Legion through active members in the Lake Chapala community. It also bears witness to the need for the Legion wherever Canadian Veterans, RCMP members and their families gather. Your ability to have a direct impact on the community you serve will certainly be enhanced through the foundation of this new Legion branch,” said Mr. Moore

“As the first branch of The Royal Canadian Legion in Mexico, our aim is to prove that we are a valuable addition to our Mexican community and to carry on the traditions that have been established by all RCL branches around the world,” added Ms Corbeil, President of The Royal Canadian Legion Lake Chapala, Mexico, Branch 182.

The Legion branch in Mexico, with its 45 members, joins a group of more than 1,450 branches and some 330,000 members located in Canada, the United States, Germany and the Netherlands.

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## **About the Legion**

Established in 1926, the Legion is the largest Veterans service organization in Canada with more than 330,000 members. Its mission is to serve all Veterans including serving Canadian Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members, and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.

The Royal Canadian Legion's Service Bureau Network Service Officers can assist and represent still serving CF members Veterans, RCMP members and their families regarding disability claims or related issues with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB). We provide professional counselling, and representation services at all stages of the disability claim process under the Pension Act or the Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act, commonly referred to as the New Veterans Charter.

The Royal Canadian Legion branches are currently located as follows:

Canada: 1,447

United States: 15

Germany: 4

Netherlands: 1

Mexico: 1

## **About Lake Chapala, Mexico**

Lake Chapala is Mexico's largest natural lake located in eastern Jalisco state, some 50 kilometers south of Guadalajara, the country's second-largest city. It has been a retirement community since 1920s with residents from around the globe. The fact that the climate around Lake Chapala is considered one of the best in the world may explain why it has the largest group of Canadians living outside Canada on a full or part time basis outside of Florida, USA. It is estimated 6,000 to 10,000 Canadians visit or lives in the area depending on the time of year.

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