

**POLICY STATEMENT
WEARING OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE CLUB/STREET GANG
COLOURS AT LEGION EVENTS**

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BACKGROUND

Recently there have been incidents of persons wearing the colours of Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs (OMC) attending Legion Commemorative events. Some of these attendees are themselves veterans and wear their service medals on their colours.

Clearly associating with known members of an OMC does not easily co-exist with the notion that our veterans served and sacrificed to protect our way of life and our laws. Moreover, many currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies attend our events and ceremonies and should not be placed in a position of attending with identifiable OMC members.

Therefore:

POLICY

1. The wearing of OMC street gang colours is not permitted at Kanata Branch 638 events and premises. They represent beliefs and activities that are contrary to the Royal Canadian Legion's Articles of Faith and are disrespectful of the sacrifices made by our veterans.
2. Should a person attend wearing prohibited colours, the Sergeant at Arms or other appropriate officer of the Branch should politely advise them of our policy and instruct them to remove their colours or leave.
3. Ottawa Police Services should be consulted should there be doubt about the status of an organization.
4. Branch Public Relations should have a prepared statement regarding this subject on hand for release to the media, posting on our premises and distribution as a hand-out should this ever arise as an issue.

This policy is based on information provided by Dominion Command after consultation with the Criminal Investigation Service Canada, the RCMP and the Military Police.

DEFINITIONS

OMC – Outlaw Motorcycle Club - A motorcycle club that engages in criminal activities. Some are considered organized crime groups.

COLOURS – distinctive clothing and/or crests (patches) used to identify an individual's association with a group e.g. Hell's Angels, Outlaws, Black Pistons.



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