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Spectators Encouraged to Wear RED

2009 Warriors' Day Parade is the Largest and Most Colourful in Southwestern Ontario

The Western Fair Association will host the **58th annual Warriors' Day Parade** on *Saturday, September 12, 2009*. It is a proud tradition supported by the largest and most colourful gathering of veterans in southwestern Ontario and this year pays special recognition to the Ontario Provincial Police who are celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

The parade will leave from Boyle Memorial Community Centre at Princess Avenue and Charlotte Street at 11:15 am. The procession will enter the fairgrounds through the grand finale ceremonies which is both moving and heartwarming.

Spectators are encouraged to wear RED to honour veterans in attendance and to show support for Canadian troops currently serving overseas.

This year's Reviewing Officer will be **OPP Commissioner, Julian Fantino**.

The 2009 Parade will Honour:

- The 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Provincial Police
- The 100 Anniversary of St. John, London Brigade

(London is Canada's first brigade and 58 years of service with the Western Fair Warriors Day Parade)

- The 125th Anniversary of St. John Ambulance, Canada
- The 100th Anniversary of Red Cross, Canada
- The 100th Anniversary of Flight in Canada

The parade will feature marching units, colour guards and bands representing veteran's units, military units, legion branches, cadet corps and police RCMP units from the surrounding area, as well as American veterans.

For those veterans who are unable to walk the parade route, transportation will be provided by antique military vehicles.

New this year! Canadian Army Veterans motorcycle unit with 30 bikes and riders. The new breed of veteran.

In recognition of Canadian's veterans' and all military personnel's enormous contribution and sacrifice, **Western Fair will offer courtesy parking for all vehicles displaying the official "poppy" symbol on their license plate in any public lot – pending availability - throughout the 10-day Fair.**

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