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Dear Members of the Royal Canadian Legion,

We are excited to share an update on Forging Ahead Inc., Canada's first registered Veteran founded and run charity dedicated to supporting Veterans and first responders dealing with PTSD and OSI through the power of artistic blacksmithing. Their mission is to provide a creative outlet for healing, community-building, and long-term mental health support. More information can be found at <https://forgingaheadinc.org/>.

How You Can Help

We are calling on Legion members, Veterans, first responders, and community supporters to help make this initiative a reality. You can support Forging Ahead Inc. by:

- Participating in their blacksmithing classes
- Helping spread awareness about the importance of this initiative
- Subsidising Veteran attendance costs with Poppy funds

We kindly request that Branches consider supporting local Veterans interested in attending a class with Poppy funds. The average cost of a class to any Veteran is \$125. If your branch wishes to support Veteran participation in these blacksmithing classes, please send a Special Use Expenditure (SUE) form referencing the Poppy Manual section 403.ii.n to Provincial Command at Veterans@mbnwo.legion.ca. Your support has the power to enable Veterans to benefit from this unique and therapeutic program.

Sincerely,

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