

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**Between the**  
**British Columbia Métis Federation**  
**and the**  
**Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association**

**Whereas:**

The BC Métis Federation was formed in June 2011 to support the cultural, socio-economic, and rights needs for Métis people in BC. The BC Métis Federation has a vision to ensure Métis cultural and programming supports a healthy and prosperous Métis community in BC.

**And Whereas:**

The Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association is a national incorporated Aboriginal veteran representative organization that supports the needs and issues facing Aboriginal veterans. The organization attends veteran related meetings and events invited at a national level and provincial level.

**And Whereas:**

The BC Métis Federation and Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association organizations understand the importance of supporting one another's mandate and vision.

**And Whereas:**

A collaborative approach to support Métis veterans are needed for Métis veterans throughout British Columbia.

**Therefore:**

In recognition of common interests and as an expression of the desire and intent to expand and strengthen the relationships developed between the organizations, THE PARTIES hereby declare their intention to work collaboratively for the betterment of Métis veterans in British Columbia.

The parties will seek to work together in the following areas:

- Collaborate on Métis veterans programming for BC Métis Federation veterans;
- Provide communication support such as linking websites, attendance and reporting and future meetings; and
- Ensure future Métis veteran policies and programming needs that affect Métis veterans in British Columbia have been properly consulted, reviewed, and agreed by proper resolutions prior to implementation.

In recognition of this agreement the Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association also further agrees to provide additional support for BC Métis Federation veterans such as:

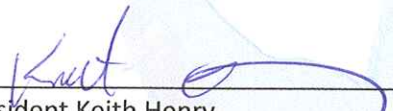
Free national registration of Métis Veterans and Serving Members in the Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association;

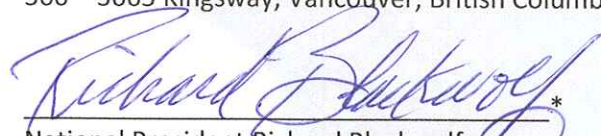
Provide national and international representation of Métis veterans and serving members;

- Provide assistance and guidance for BC Métis Federation veterans with Veteran Affairs Canada applications and procedures (if required); and
- Support representation on issues affecting registered Métis veterans at stakeholder meetings, conferences, inquiries and ceremonies held by Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC) and other federal government departments, agencies, and commissions as agreed on a case by case basis.

This Memorandum of Understanding comes into effect on signing. It may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 30 days written notice.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September at Williams Lake, in the Province of British Columbia

  
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