

JBLM NATIONAL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION:

*Canadians Celebrating 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the United States:*

Celebrating our Canadian traditions during Canada Day is so important, especially when residing in the United States as a member of a Canadian Armed Forces family. We are so fortunate at Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) to have such a strong, resilient Canadian Community. And, how blessed are we to have the opportunity to experience two National celebrations, each offering unique traditions.

Interestingly enough, here in Washington State, many of our Canadian Forces members and their families will be celebrating along-side their American counterparts on 4 July in addition to celebrating Canada Day on 1 July. This makes for a very busy social schedule for sure. Here at JBLM we see the importance of successfully integrating into our American communities and strengthening relationships with our fellow American Military families.

I am a firm believer that active involvement and exposure to new cultures and traditions serves to further enrich our lives and our existing posting.

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