



**“Complimentary Luncheon”
“Meet and Greet Canadian Senator Yonah Martin”
“Ambassador Peace Medal” Presentation”
March 25, 2019 12:30 P.M.
Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 / American Legion Post 7
1760 Turner St. Clearwater, Florida, USA
R.S.V.P. to HooJung and Don Kennedy by March 18, 2019
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Born in Seoul, South Korea, Yonah Martin (Kim) immigrated to Canada in 1972. Since 2009, following an exemplary teaching career and extensive community activism, Senator Yonah Martin representing British Columbia, became the first Canadian of Korean descent to serve in the Senate of Canada, and the first Korean-Canadian parliamentarian in Canadian history. Senator Martin has been honoured many times by both the Canadian & Korean Governments for her outstanding work for Veterans. The Honourable Senator Martin likes to visit with veterans, especially Korean War Veterans.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate of Canada
Honourary Patron of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Heritage Unit

The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin introduced and help to pass Bill S-213 recognizing July 27 as "Korean War Veterans Day" in Canada to honour the Korean War Veterans and their legacy for future generations to remember.



KOREAN WAR

Over 16 UN Nations Served

Over 1.7 Million US Forces Served

Over 32,000 Canadian Forces Served

during the Korean War

June 25, 1950- July 27, 1953

and the UN Peace Keeping Mission

until January 31, 1955

Total Deaths - 54, 246 in US / 516 in Canada

Wounded - 103,284 in US / 1,558 in Canada

MIA - 8,075 in US / 21 in Canada

POW - 7,245 in US / 32 in Canada

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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-ORDER OF SERVICE -

Welcome - Dann Oliver, Commander of Royal Canadian Legion Post 144

Grace - Lt. Col (Ret'd) Bill Slavins -Chaplain of KWVA Chapter 159

Complimentary Luncheon for Korean War Veterans , Family members, Friends

Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Colour Party - Joe Dubuc, 1st Vice Commander

US National Anthem and O Canada, Korean National Anthem -Gordon Bennett

Introduction - Dann Oliver / HooJung Jones Kennedy

Speech by Honourable Yonah Martin,

Canadian Senator, Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Senate of Canada

Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation Ceremony

M.C. Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

Greeting Letter, Congressman Ross Spano

Act of Remembrance Gordon Bennett, Vice President of KWVA Chapter 159

Moment of Silence

Last Post, Chaplain Craig Demass

Video Presentations; "Thank you USA", "Canadians Our Heroes", "Last Ship"

"Ambassador for Peace Medal" is issued by the Republic of Korea Government and is presented by Hon. Senator Yonah Martin and HooJung Jones Kennedy, past Advisor to the Republic of Korea President, Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Project Director

Ambassador For Peace Medal Recipients:

- 1. James D Bell - US Army, Killed in Action**
- 2. John A Smith - US Army, Killed in Action**
- 3. Ralph L Merritt - US Army, Died during the Korean War**
- 4. Henry Edsel Ford - US Army, Died during the Korean War**
- 5. Ben St Clair - US Army, Wounded in the Korean War**
- 6. Anthony Joseph Bazarewsky - US Navy**
- 7. Norman Joseph Boudreau - US Army**
- 8. Frank Steers - Canadian Army**

"Congressional Commendation Certificates" Presentation from

- Congressman Ross Spano's office**
- Rob Fleege, Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Gus Bilirakis**

Other Gifts Presentations

Closing Remarks - Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and Dann Oliver



Dear Korean War Veterans, Family members and Friends,

It was our pleasure to organize and fund the “Complimentary Veterans Appreciation Luncheon”, “Meet and Greet Canadian Senator Yonah Martin” and “Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation” in partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County (celebrating 77 th year in Clearwater, Florida), American Legion Post 7 Clearwater and the Korean War Veterans Association Sunshine State Chapter 159 at the American Legion Post 7 on March 25th, 2019.

This special event began with warm a welcome from Dann Oliver, RCL Post 144 Commander and blessing by Lt. Col (Ret'd) Bill Slavins at 12:30 P.M. The delicious chicken luncheon for 70 guests were prepared by Nauti Nanci's kitchen. American, Korean, Canadian, National Anthems were played after the colour party placed their flags (American, Canadian, Korean, United Nations).

Peter Palmer, President the KWVA Sunshine Chapter and Judi Michaud, a member of KWVA Chapter 159 kindly brought the most beautiful “Ambassador for Peace Medal” cake as a desert. Senator Yonah Martin cut the cake and served it to the guests with the help of Canadian Volunteers, Pat Jones and Tom Kelly.

Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy who was a Master of Ceremony explained the significance of the Ambassador for Peace Medal which is issued by the Republic of Korea to honour the Korean War Veterans who served during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) and the UN Peace Keeping Mission (till January 31, 1955).

There were 3 video presentations (“Thank you USA”, “Canadians Our Heroes”, Last Ship in the Hobour”). He read the special greeting letter from Congressman, Ross Spano, Florida District 15.

HooJung Jones Kennedy, past advisor of the Republic of Korea President and the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Project and Fund Raising Director introduced Canadian Senator the Honourable Yonah Martin who is the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate of Canada. She introduced and helped to pass Bill S - 213 recognizing July 27 as the “Korean War Veterans Day” in Canada.

Honourable Senator Yonah Martin delivered her heartfelt speech to the Korean War Veterans (American, Canadian and UK) and their family members. Gordon Bennett, Vice President and a Canadian Korean War Veteran who fought on Hill 355 and was a past Commander of the RCL Post 144 recited “Act of Remembrance Day” and “Last Post” was played by Chaplain Craig Demes.

There were 8 Ambassador for Peace Medals presented to the 4 killed US Korean War Veterans (James D Bell, John A Smith, Ralph L Merritt, Henry Edsel Ford) , 1 Wounded US Korean War Veteran (Ben St. Clair), 1 US Korean Naval Veteran (Anthony Joseph Bazarewsky), 2 Canadian Korean War Veterans family members (Kathy Hunter on behalf of Frank Steers) and (Geraldine and Larry Boudreau on behalf of Norman Joseph Boudreau who joined in US army during the Korean War.

Frank Anderson, a Korean War Veteran is from a small town (400 people) Brocton, Illinois and he with 5 of his high school friends all joined the US Army during the Korean War and 4 of them were killed (one of them received the Silver Star) and 1 was wounded. Frank married a wounded Korean War Veteran's younger sister, Bobbie and he has been carrying the letter from his friend who was killed during the Korean War ever since.

They will display the 5 Ambassador for Peace Medals with the fallen Korean War soldiers photos (some of them do not have grave sites thus, we hope that this will be their resting places) at the American Legion in Brocton, Illinois to honour these brave young men who gave their all.

In mid September, Frank and Bobbie will travel to Korea as part of the "Korea Revisit" Program. It was very emotional and moving ceremony and there were many tears and smiles. We hope that the Korean War Veterans and their family members will have closure and comfort knowing that they are not forgotten.

Senator Yonah Martin presented the 3 beautiful Korean dolls to Peter and Sallie Palmer (President of KWVA Chapter 159) , Gordon and Evelyn Bennett (Vice President of KWVA Chapter 159) and Dan and Mary Oliver (RCL Post 144 Commander), Senator Martin also presented authentic copies of the Bill S-213 to the Korean War Veterans. Her husband, Doug Martin helped to present the special gifts (Korean Fans, Korean Posters, Korean Calendars from the Korean Tourism Organization) to the Korean War Veterans and their family members.

Senator Martin dedicated a "Sliver star" in honour of "16 UN Korean War Veterans" at the Honour Wall in the American Post 7 Clear Water (This is the first American Legion Post in the US and they are celebrating their 100th Anniversary on November 11th, 2019).

HooJung Jones Kennedy presented commendation letters on behalf of the Congressman Ross Spano to Frank and Bobbie Anderson, Geraldine and Larry Boudreau and Kathy and Dave Hunter. Rob Fleege, Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Gus Bilirakis presented a "Congressional Commendation Certificate" to Anthony Joseph Bazarewsky who served in the US Navy and he received the Korea Service medal with 2 stars and Korean Presidential Citation for his service during the Korean War.

Dann Oliver, RCL Post Commander presented Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 T-shirts to Senator Yonah Martin and her husband Doug Martin. Kathy Hunter's husband, Dave Hunter presented their book "Along Interstate -75" (The Snowbird's bible which has sold 2 million copies in Canada and US) to Senator Martin.

Thank you very much for all your support.

HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

**Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation Ceremony Committee Co-Chairs
Hon. Members of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton
Associate Members of the US Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159
Member and Winter Comrade of the RCL Post 144**



HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

We would like to send our special thanks to Korean War Veterans and their family members, Hon. Senator Yonah Martin, Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 (including colour party members), American Legion Post 7 (Bob Farrell, Josephine Marstran, Tom and Jean Vitellie), KWVA Chapter 159, the Korean Embassy (Defence Attaché Col. Chang Bae Yoon), Ottawa in Canada and the Korean Embassy in Washington. D.C. (Lt.Col B.G. Park) in the U.S., the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto (Yurim Oh) , Korea Tourism Organization, U.S. Congressman Ross Spano, U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Nauti Nancy's Kitchen, and many dedicated volunteers including Chaplain Craig Demass for Last Post and Dave Hunter for great event photos and map.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
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Congressman Ross Spano Florida District 15

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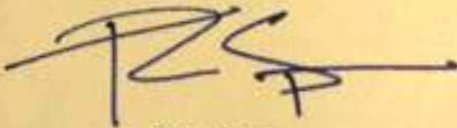
Mrs. HooJung Jones Kennedy
125 Moller Way
Lakeland, FL 33813

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

It is with great honor that I write a letter to this illustrious group of veterans that come from all walks of life, but share one familiar trait, a love for the United States of America and a willingness to put everything on the line to defend our Nation. The veterans that are being honored in today's ceremony have paved a path of prestige and heroism for all members of the military to follow!

I would like to thank everyone in this room for their service to our beautiful nation. It is an honor for me to be able to greet the men and women who have shown bravery and courage when fighting for the values of the United States of America!

Sincerely,



Ross Spano
Member of Congress



Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Colour Party led by Major (Ret'd) Joe Dubuc, 1st Vice President



U.S., Canadian and Korean National Anthems were played as the Korea War Veterans saluted



**Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy,
Rob Fleege, Veterans Affairs Lasion of Congressman Gus Bilirakis,
Mary Oliver, Canadian Senator the Honourable Senator Yonah Martin and Doug Martin**



Ambassador for Peace Medal cake



**Senator Yonah Martin cutting the cake with
Peter Palmer, President of KWVA Chapter 159 Sunshine State,
Judi Michaud and HooJung Jones Kennedy, members of KWVA Chapter 159**



Canadian Senator the Honourable Yonah Martin delivers her heartfelt speech.



8 Ambassador for Peace Medals from the Republic of Korea Government





HooJung Jones Kennedy explains about the fallen Korean War soldiers who were killed during the Korean War and some of them do not have any known grave sites while Senator Yonah Martin wipes her tears.



**Korean War “FREEDOM IS NOT FREE” flag on the wall
of the American Legion Post 7 / Royal Canadian Legion Post 144**



**Senator Yonah Martin presented Frank Anderson
the Ambassador for Peace Medal on behalf of
his 4 classmates who were killed during the Korean War.**



Senator Yonah Martin presented Bobbie Anderson (Frank Anderson's wife) the Ambassador for Peace Medal on behalf of her brother Ben St Clair who was wounded during the Korean War.



HooJung Jones Kennedy, Senator Yonah Martin,
Sandi Cruzan (daughter of Frank and Bobbie), Frank and Bobbie Anderson





Senator Yonah Martin and HooJung Jones Kennedy presented Larry Boudreau (American and Canadian family) the Ambassador for Peace Medal on behalf of his father Norma Joseph Boudreau who joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War.



**Senator Yonah Martin presented Kathy Hunter(Canadian family)
the Ambassador for Peace Medal on behalf of her father,
Frank Steers who served in Canadian Army during the Korean War.**



Senator Yonah Martin, Larry and Rose Boudreau and HooJung Jones Kennedy



**HooJung Jones Kennedy, Senator Yonah Martin, Kathy and Dave Hunter.
Dave and Kathy Hunter are the author and researchers
of the book "Along Interstate-75", a snowbird's bible.**

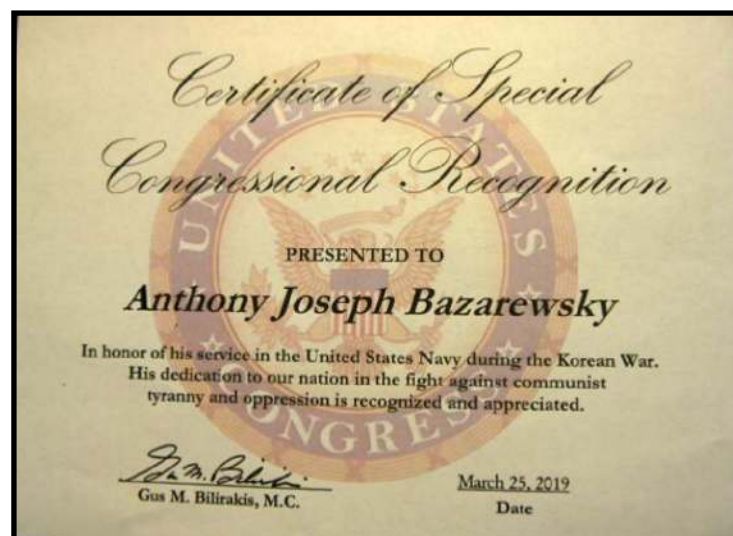


3 Canadian ladies - HooJung Jones Kennedy, Senator Yonah Martin and Kathy Hunter



HooJung Jones Kennedy, Senator Yonah Martin, Antony Bazarewsky and Rob Fleege, Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

Antony Bazarewsky received the Congressional Commendation Certificate.





**HooJung Jones Kennedy presented the commendation letter
from Congressman Ross Spano, Florida District 15
to Larry Boudreau, past Post Commander and current Commander of Sons
of the American Legion Post 4, Lakeland who was wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan War.**



Senator Yonah Martin presented Gordon (a Korean War Veteran, Past Commander of Royal Canadian Legion 144 Paellas County and Vice President of KWVA Chapter 159) and Evelyn Bennett a Korean doll as a gift.

Gordon Bennett presented his letter regarding “Battle of Hill 355” during the Korean War.



**Senator Yonah Martin presented Sallie and Peter Palmer
(Commander of KWVA Chapter 159 Sunshine State) a Korean doll as a gift.**



**Senator Yonah Martin presented Dann (Commander of RCL Post 144)
and Mary Oliver a Korean doll as a gift.**



**Senator Yonah Martin presented an authentic copy of Bill S-213
“Korean War Veterans Day” to Gordon Bennett a Canadian Korean War Veteran
and Alan McFarland who served with the British Army who fought at the battle of Kapyong.**





Alan McFarland, who is a past President of Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 192, saluted Senator Martin



Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy Master of Ceremony presenting the gifts to Korean War Veterans.



Alan McFarland with his lady friend, Rosalie LoCurcio, an avid sculptor.



Senator Yonah Martin presented an authentic copy of Bill S-213 “Korean War Veterans Day” to Raymond Plourde who served with Canadian army in Korea as a UN peace keeper. He is President of RCL Branch 632 Orleans.



Dann Oliver, Commander of RCL Post 144 presented their T-shirts to Senator Yonah Martin and Doug martin.



**Dave Hunter presented his book “Along Interstate 75” to Senator Yonah Martin.
He is also an author of the Snowbirds Association Magazine.**



American Legion Post 7 Clearwater Executive Members with Josie and Bob Farrell



Rosaline Locurcio, Allan McFarland, Anne Nash, Barb and Dave Pfaff, Kathy and Dave Hunter.



**Milton Farley, Carlos Gonzalos, Anthony Bazarewsky, Maureen Coderre,
Ernie Crolley, Bobbie Anderson, Sandi Cruzan**



KWVA Chapter 159 Sunshine State Members with Larry and Rose Boudreau.



Canadian Volunteers - Hart Watt (Member of the Friends of H.M.C.S. HAIDA and membership chair of RCL Post 144) with Anne, Robert, Tom Kelly and Pat Jones.



Bob Farrell known as “Bingo Bob” is a wounded Vietnam War Veteran and Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 7, Clear Water.



Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Members and dedicated members of the Colour Party.



The History of the Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County

The St Petersburg Post 144 Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was founded in 1941 with the late Sir Charles and Lady Ross as patrons.

Members of the Post represented many branches of the United States and British Empire Forces and had participated in almost all colonial operations from the time of the Boar War. At that time many members held decorations from both the United States and the British Empire such as:

8 Mons Star 1914-1915

French Legion of Honor

Royal Order of the Serbian White Eagle

Distinguished Flying Crosses (3 British 2 American)

Military Cross (British)

2 Distinguished Conduct Medals(British)

2 Military Medals (British)

Croix de Guerre

The name British Empire Services League was changed in 1958 to the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League (BCEL) and today is a union of some 54 ex-service groups from 48 Commonwealth countries representing around 12 million ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen. The Royal Canadian Legion is a member of the BCEL.

In 1970 the Post became the Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County.

In 2019, we celebrated the 77th Anniversary!



A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN LEGION TURNER-BRANDON POST 7 CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

Shortly following the end of World War 1, a group of veterans met on the steps of the County Court House in Clearwater and there planned the formation of an American Legion Post. They chose as a name, Turner-Brandon, in honor of two of Clearwater's sons who gave their lives in defense of our Nation.

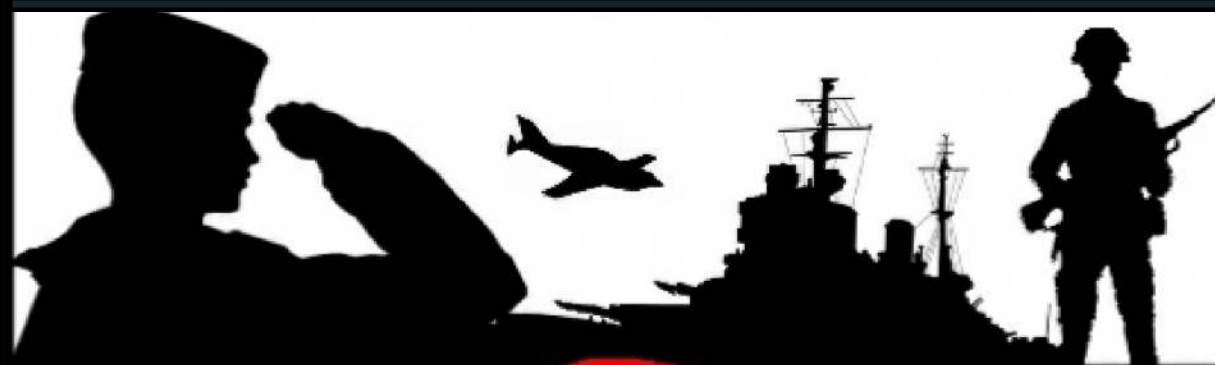
The decision to organize an American Legion Post resulted from the conclusion of these Veterans that the American Legion was the representative Veterans' organization in this country. That conclusion has been proven true as today the American Legion is the largest wartime Veterans' organization with nearly 15,000 local Posts throughout America and over 3 million members who care about America, Veterans, their families and our nation's youth.

Edward Campbell Turner, a Seaman 2/C, died at sea while serving aboard the USS Rhode Island. Ian Leroy Brandon served as a Private with the 49th Co., 5th regular Marines, and was killed in action as an advance on Belleau Woods. Both men were of pioneer stock and their family names are represented to this day in civic, governmental, and business fields in Pinellas County and the City of Clearwater.

Having made the choice of a name for the new Post, application was then made for a new Charter. On February 21, 1921, the original Charter was issued and the Post began its existence under the Charter name of Turner-Brandon Post # 7. The Post was incorporated in April of 1959. The first Post Commander was Dr. L. F. Wyatt. We dedicated the original part of our current building in 1964 and in 1975 the lounge addition was completed and dedicated.

For the last 100 years our Post has had an active part in the life of our City and County, endeavoring to carry out the policies and programs recommended by the National and Department Headquarters, keeping ever in mind as a primary objective, the continued welfare of the Veteran and his family.

November 11, marking the exact hour of the cessation of hostility on the war fronts of World War 1.



Thank you
Korean War Veterans