

KOREAN WAR

PHOTO EXHIBITION & RECEPTION



“Ambassador for Peace Medal” & “Presidential Citation” Presentation

November 8, 2022 5:00 P.M.

Royal Canadian Air Force 447 Wing

3210 Homestead Dr. Mount Hope, ON

Organized by

Korea War Veterans of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton

Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

Sponsored by

Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto

Veterans Affairs Canada



Dear Korean War Veterans, Family members, Other Veterans Veterans Advocates,

On November 8th 2022 (Aboriginal Veterans Day), the “Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception”, “Ambassador for Peace Medal” and “The Republic of Korea Presidential Citation” ceremonies were organized by the Korean War Veterans of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton and Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada at the Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA) 447 Wing to honour and remember Korean War Veterans. 26,791 Canadians served during the Korean War (June 25 - July 27, 1953) and additional 7,000 served during the UN Peace Keeping Mission (1953 - 1955). 516 were killed, 1,588 were wounded and 21 were missing in action with 32 prisoners of the war. Over 2.5 million civilians also died during the Korean War and among them were many elderly seniors, women, young children and infants including my aunt who died of starvation while my grandparents were desperately searching for food for their children on Koje island after the Hungnam Evacuation. At the Hungnam Evacuation, the U.S. Merchant Navy Ship, “Meredith Victory” saved 14,000 refugees including my mother and grand parents, aunts, uncles and 5 new born babies (Kimchi 1,2,3,4,and 5) on the ship. Thanks to the many Korean War Veterans who fought for the freedom and peace of the Republic of Korea, many innocent lives were saved including my parents. We are grateful for all Korean War Veterans of the 16 United Nations including Canada and U.S. that risked their lives and were separated from their loved ones and family members to fight for a country that they never heard of before. We would like to say that all Korean War Veterans are our heroes and they are the Ambassadors for our Peace. We send our deepest appreciation to them and their family members from the bottom of our hearts.

Over 110 guests attended the luncheon including Korean War Veterans and their family members, other Veterans who served with the Royal Canadian Navy, Army and the Royal Canadian Air force and U.S. Air force and U.S. Navy, Korea Army and Korea Air Force and Korean-Canadian Community members. Lisa Hepfner, MP, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Hon. Raymond Choi, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Donna Skelly MPP and Tom Jackson, City Councillor, attended the ceremony and delivered their heart-felt speech thanking Veterans. At the ceremony, Consul General presented the “Ambassador for Peace Medal” to Commander (Ret’d) Richard Beresford. He received the medal on behalf of S/Stg. Joseph Henry Willison, Jr. who served with USAF and died in Daegu, Korea in a fatal plane (Beech C-45) crash on February 8, 1951 during the Korean War. Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim also presented “The Republic of Korea Presidential Citation” to me for 20 years of advocacy for the Korean War Veterans. It was my great honour. As Co-Chairs of the event, it was our pleasure to see our Korean War Veterans and family members enjoying the delicious reception food, Korean-Canadian Entertainment and various gifts (Legion blanket, pin, Legion pen, Tim Horton's gift card, Maple Syrup Cookies, hat, scarf and socks). We would like to send our special thanks to the Consulate General office of the Republic of Korea in Toronto and the Veterans Affairs Canada for sponsoring the Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception. We also want to send our thanks to the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing, American Legion Post 18, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163 Hamilton Mountain, Royal Canadian Legion Post 144, entertainers and volunteers and Emily Han’s continued support.



Major(Ret’d) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy Event Co-chairs, members RCAFA 447 Wing



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Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception”, “Ambassador for Peace Medal” and “Republic of Korea Presidential Citation” ceremony.



Over 110 guests including dignitaries, Korean War Veterans and their family members, other Veterans (Army, Navy, Air Force) attended the “Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception”.



Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Metis Veteran, Co-Chair of the event and Hon. Member of the Korean War Veterans of Canada welcomes the guests.



HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Chair of the event and President of Korean War Veterans advocates of Canada introducing dignitaries and guests.



Lisa Hefner, MP, Hamilton Mountain, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Mrs. Soonok Cho and Donna Skelly, MPP.



Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Mrs. Soon ok Cho



Lisa Hepfner MP delivering her heart-felt remarks thanking Veterans.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim delivering his heart-felt remarks thanking Korean War Veterans.



Hon. Raymond Cho delivering his heart-felt remarks thanking Korean War Veterans.



Donna Skelly, MPP delivering her heart-felt remarks thanking Veterans.



Carl Cadas, Korean War Veteran served with the 2PPCLI at the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong.



Ron Zabrok, WWII and Korean War Veteran served in the US Navy with HooJung Jones Kennedy.



Lisa Hefner, MP with Ron Zabrok, a WWII and Korean War Veteran.





George Charles, Korean War Veteran served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals attached to Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.



Andy Barber, Korean War Veteran served with the Royal Canadian Navy served on HMCS Haida as a signaller.



Cpl.(Ret'd) Robert Galloway and Commander (Ret'd) Richard Beresford



Lt.(Ret'd) Shirley Beresford, Lt.(Ret'd) Ann Marie Beresford and Lisa Disalle



S/Sgt. Joseph Willson JR. Display was set up by his great nephew Sgt. (Ret'd) Anthony Beresford.



Peter Song, President of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Eastern Chapter



Woo Hawn Lee, President of Han-Ca Seniors Association



James Byun, Vietnam War Veteran



Hee Chul Ko Vice President of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Eastern Chapter



Sun Ja Lee singing “O Canada” and “Korean National Anthem”



Sgt. (Ret'd) Anthony Beresford, a great nephew of S/Sgt. Joseph Willson, playing “Last Post / Tap” with his bugle. He is wearing his uncle’s PPCLI uniform.



Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy saluting for fallen Veterans.



Mike Cuffe, President of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing playing Lament with his bagpipes.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim presenting the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Commander (Ret'd) Richard Beresford on behalf of his uncle, S/Sgt. Joseph Willson who served with USAF. He died in a fatal plane (Beech C-45) crash in Daegu, Korea during the Korean War.



Left to Right: Commander (Ret'd) Richard Beresford with Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim



“Ambassador for Peace Medal” (newer design)

issued by the Korean Government



Commander (Ret'd) Richard Beresford remembering his uncle who was killed during the Korean War.



Sgt. (Ret'd) Antony Beresford and his mother Lt. (Ret;d) Shirley Beresford.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim presented the “Republic of Korea Presidential Citation” to HooJung Jones Kennedy for her advocacy for Korean War Veterans.



Hon. Raymond Cho, Donna Skelly, MPP, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Lisa Hepfner, MPP and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy



Mike Curley, Director of RCAFA 447 Wing and an aboriginal Veteran congratulating HooJung Jones Kennedy. He also presented the “Jessi Green Commemorative Medal” to her. Jessi Green is a Korean War Veteran who fought with the US Army receiving Silver Star.



Mike Cuffe, President of RACFA 447 Wing explaining about the “Fallen Veterans Table”.



Brenda Wilson, member of RCAFA 447 wing placing the Royal Canadian Air Force's hat at the Fallen Veteran's table.



Lt. Col.(Ret'd) Robin Hesler saying "Grace"



Danny Orbillo singing “Medley of songs” wonderfully.



Sun Ja Lee singing “You Raised Me Up” and “Arirang” beautifully.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Lisa Hefner, MP and HooJung Jones Kennedy



Donna Skelly, MPP, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim and HooJung Jones Kennedy.



Yun Bak Kim (in the middle), President of Korea Air Force Association of Canada, his wife, Soon Keum Kwon, his vice Presidents Jong Soo Lee, Ki Seop Kim and HooJung Jones Kennedy.



(Left to Right) Kenny Yang, Hee Chul Ko, Woo Hwan Lee, Hon. Raymond Cho, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, James Byun, Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and Peter Song.



Left to Right: Rhys Jones, Jung Hee Seh, Kyu Sik Kim, Dr. Moon Sik Kim and his wife, Jong Deug Yoon, Dr. Che Hee Lee and his wife, In Hae Kim.



Left To Right: Dr. Che Hee Lee, In Hae Kim, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Mrs. Kim, Dr. Moon Sik Kim and Geun Sook Lee and Jong Deug Yoon.



Donna Skelly, MPP and Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim



HooJung Jones Kennedy with Donna Skelly, MPP



Kyu sik Kim, Mrs Soon ok Cho, Jung Hee Seh and Hon. Raymond Cho.



Hon. Raymond Cho, Ron Zabrok, a WWII and Korean War Veteran, Mrs. Soon ok Cho



Left to Right: Private Jin Zhang, 31 Signal, Mrs. Soon ok Cho, Hon. Raymond Cho and Rhys Jones.



Dr. Moon Sik Kim and his wife, Dr. Che Hee Lee, and In Hae Kim, Hon. Raymond Cho, Soon Ok Cho, Geun Sook Lee, Jong Deug Yoon and HooJung Jones Kennedy.



Left To Right: Jung Hee Seh, Judy Lee Wu and Kyu Sik Kim



Left To Right: Jin Zhang, Judy Lee Wu and Rhys Jones



“Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26 sign” (Hand-made by a Korean War Vet)



Left to Right: Ron Zabrok, Andy Barber, Don Arthurs who are Korean War Veterans enjoying delicious food as Consul Yunjin Jang (back) smiling at Korean War Veterans.



“Korean War Photo Exhibition” are organized by the Korea Veterans of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton, HooJung Jones Kennedy. For over 20 years, she has collected 20,000 Korean War photos in a digital collection. Most of these photos were taken by the Korean War Veterans themselves during the Korean War. Many Korean War Veterans are now passed but their legacy will be preserved by these photos.





Hon. Raymond Cho Minister of Seniors and Accessibility viewing the various Korean War Photos.





Korean War Photo Exhibition, a brief history of Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force.





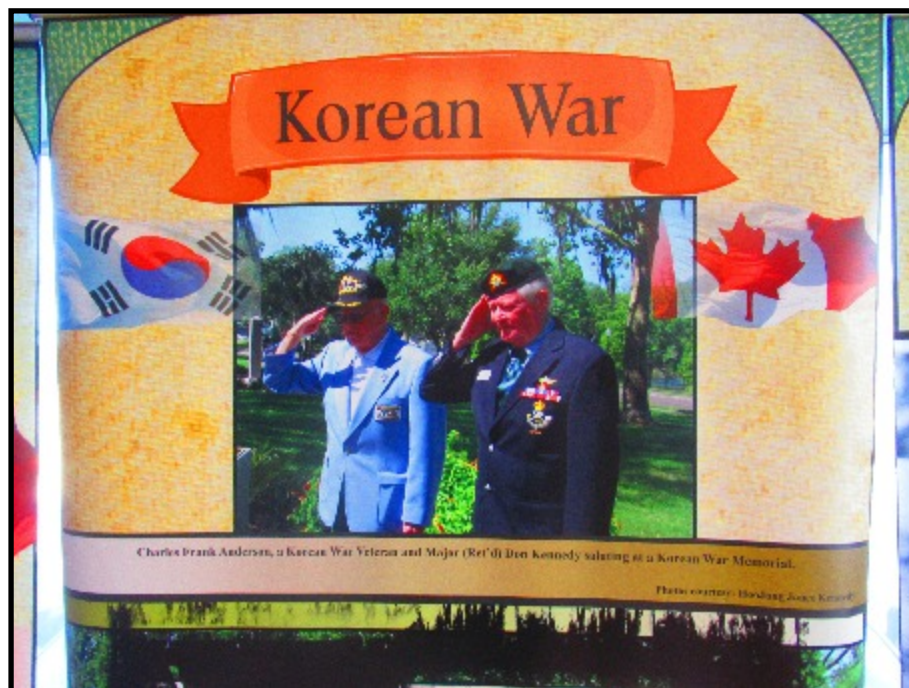
HooJung Jones Kennedy setting up the Korean War Photo Exhibition and her father Kyu Sik Kim viewing the photos. All banners and photos are designed by her.



Banner Photos - "Allan Boxshall" and "Andy Foulds", Korean War Veterans who served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2nd Battalion at the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong, taking care of Korean orphans during the Korean War.



Korean War Photo Exhibition Photo banners designed by HooJung Jones Kennedy.



Left to Right: Frank Anderson, a Korean War Veteran served with US Army and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy saluting at the Veterans Memorial in Lakeland, Florida.



Thank you very much for your support to honour Korean War Veterans.

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Rhys Jones, Volunteer

Hamilton Mountain resident honoured by Republic of Korea

“HooJung Jones-Kennedy receives presidential citation”

By [Mark Newman](#) Reporter

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<https://www.thespec.com/local-hamilton-mountain/life/2022/11/18/hamilton-mountain-resident-honoured-by-republic-of-korea.html>



Photo by: Mark Newman

East Mountain resident HooJung Jones-Kennedy cares about Canadian Korean War veterans a lot.

Over the past 21 years, Jones-Kennedy figures she has spent more than 40,000 hours preserving and educating Canadians about this country’s involvement in the Korean War, advocating for the rights of Korean War vets as well as just saying thank you to the scores of veterans she has met.

“(Korean War veterans) were very poorly treated,” said Jones-Kennedy, who came to Canada from South Korea in 1987. Her mother escaped communist North Korea on an American merchant navy ship.

“They have not been recognized because they were overshadowed by Second World War veterans.”

In recognition of all her work, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) on Nov. 8 awarded Jones-Kennedy the Republic of Korea Presidential Citation before a full house at the 447 Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association in Mount Hope.

“It is a great honour,” said Jones-Kennedy. She is also president of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada.

“This is for all the veterans and all the people who helped to honour the veterans, we share this.”

The citation was presented by Kim Deuk Hwan, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea.

“She has done wonderful things for the Korean War veterans,” Kim said. “She deserves it a lot.”

The citation is the latest acknowledgment to be added to a long list of other honours and awards Jones-Kennedy has received over the years, including a Minister of Veterans’ Affairs Canada commendation award (2011), Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal (2012), Republic of Korea Veterans Association’s appreciation award (2016) and a Medal of Honour from the Republic of Korea (2016).

“She deserves everything she gets,” said Ron Zabrok, a veteran of the Second World War and Korean War and neighbour of Jones-Kennedy. “We couldn’t get along without her.”

Mike Curley, director of the 447 Wing, applauded Jones-Kennedy’s dedication to Korean War veterans.

“She’s not just well deserved but the lengths that she went through in her personal life and her husband Don, travelling across Canada and the United States to personally thank each and every (Korean War veteran and their families) is something that stands out for me,” Curley said.

More than 20,000 Canadians took part in the Korean War (1950-1953), of which 516 were killed and 1,558 were wounded.



Thank you
Korean War Veterans