

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

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Veterans Affairs Canada



ORDER OF SERVICE

Marching in of the Colours (American Legion Post 18), Veterans, Dignitaries
Welcome by Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, HooJung Jones Kennedy Event Co-chairs
"O Canada" and "Korean National Anthem" by Sun Ja Lee
Introduction of Guests by HooJung Jones Kennedy

Remarks:

- Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, the Republic of Korea
- Lisa Hepfner, MP Hamilton Mountain
- Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
- Donna Skelly, MPP
- Tom Jackson, City Councillor

Last Post/Taps by Sergeant (Ret'd) Anthony R Beresford, CD
Moment of Silence

Lament by Mike Cuffe, Bagpiper, Chairman of RCAFA 447 Wing
Reveille by Sergeant Anthony R Beresford, CD
Act of Remembrance by Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy
"Operation Hawk" Poem by HooJung Jones Kennedy

"Ambassador for Peace Medal" Presentation

Presenter: Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim

- Staff/Sergeant Joseph H Willson, JR. KIA US 5 Air force HQ Bronze Star
Flag presentation by Robert Williams, President of the American Legion Post 18

"The Republic of Korea Presidential Citation" Presentation

- HooJung Jones Kennedy, Project Director, Korea War Veterans of Canada Unit 26
- Other Remarks:

- Mike Curley - Director of Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing

Entertainment:

"You Raised me up" and "Arirang" by Sunja Lee, "Medley Songs" by Danny Orbillo

Blessing Prayer by Lt. Col(Ret'd) Robin Hesler

Video Presentation: "Canadians Our Heroes" & "Thank you Korean War Veterans"
"Amazing Grace" and "Black Bear" by Mike Cuffe, Bagpiper, Sunet - Tony Beresford

Gifts Presentation and Closing Remarks by M.C.

Volunteers: Emily Han, Rhys Jones, Nanci and Dave Mair, Margaret and Bill Grahlman

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SENATE
The Honourable Yonah Martin



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L'honorable Yonah Martin

November 2022



A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN

As Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of Canada, I am delighted to extend my warmest wishes to all those in attendance at the Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception.

Tonight we honour the strength, bravery, and sacrifices of the young men and women who served in the Korean War. They left Canada to defend a country they knew little about and fought in horrendous conditions with little or no communication back home. This special exhibition is a tribute to all those who sacrificed their youth and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice never returning home to their loved ones. The photos are a window to the Korean War that depict the unforgettable people and moments of the war.

This special evening will also include a special Ambassador for Peace Medal to our heroes of the Korean War, and a Presidential citation to recognize those who work tirelessly to support our veterans and honour their legacy.

I would like to commend the Korea Veterans of Canada Unit 26 Hamilton and the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for their leadership, service and dedication. I would also like to acknowledge the sponsorship and support of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto.

To our beloved veterans of the Korean War, thank you for your service and the sacrifices you made for the people of Korea. Together we will ensure that your legacy is never forgotten. #KoreanWarForgottenNoMore

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, best wishes for a memorable event. We will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yonah Martin'.

The Honourable Yonah Martin
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

Consul General's Message



On behalf of the government of the Republic of Korea, I offer my warmest greetings to members of the Korean Canadian community, honoured Korean War Veterans, family, and friends.

On this Veterans' Week occasion, we gather with sincere appreciation to pay tribute to the service, sacrifices and tremendous contributions of Canada's Korean War Veterans.

The Ambassador for Peace Medal is awarded to honour and give thanks to distinguished Korean War Veterans. It is my great pleasure and esteemed privilege to award the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Staff Sergeant Joseph H. Willson Jr. in recognition of his courage, sacrifice, and lasting contributions to peace and freedom. The people of Korea are deeply grateful to all those who fought to defend the rights and freedoms that we enjoy today.

Today's occasion also honours Ms. HooJung Jones Kennedy, Korea War Veterans of Canada-Unit 26, for all of the incredible work she has done to support, remember and pay tribute to Korean War Veterans. Her leadership, dedication, and love will help ensure that Korean War Veterans will never be forgotten, and I offer my warmest congratulations to Ms. HooJung Jones Kennedy on this much deserved recognition.

During this Veterans' Week, I hope everyone will take time in their hurried lives to pause and reflect on the sacrifices and achievements of Canada's Korean War Veterans. It is our duty to those who answered the call to honour their service, remember their sacrifice and celebrate their legacy—now and forever.

Best wishes for a memorable gathering and good health to all.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Deuk Hwan Kim in Korean characters: 김득환

Deuk Hwan Kim
Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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CANADA



Lisa Hepfner

Member of Parliament
Hamilton Mountain

November 2022

As the Member of Parliament for Hamilton Mountain, it is my great honour to bring greetings to attendees of the Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception and to recognize those being honoured here today. I would also like to acknowledge the Korean Veterans Canada Unit 26 Hamilton and the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for their hard work and dedication in preserving the memory of the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for democracy.

The photographs on display here are part of an important documentation of history, one we must never forget. The Korean War Photo Exhibition plays a critical role in telling the stories of members of the Canadian Armed Forces who fought in the Korean War and in educating future generations on this chapter in our shared history.

We remember them, we honour them. Today and always.

Lisa Hepfner, Member of Parliament for Hamilton Mountain

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Korean War Veterans Reception

FROM THE ONTARIO MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY

I recently visited South Korea. • I was amazed at how far that country has developed. It is now a global leader in technology and other advancements that are making the world a better place for everyone around the world.

None of this would have been possible without the sacrifice of the brave Canadians and members of the United Nations who answered the call, rushed to Korea's aid and made the ultimate sacrifice.

As a young boy I witnessed bombs dropping in my village. • I saw tanks and soldiers in our streets. • I had to dig a trench to help the troops so that we too could get a meal ticket to eat rations during the war.

Korea rose from ash to become the country it is today, but only because of you and your brothers and sisters in arms.

I would not be here today without those brave men and women who so many years ago, said yes to democracy, yes to preserving peace and yes to the Korean people. On behalf of everyone who experienced that terrible war, their families and all those who served, I am forever grateful and will never be able to thank you enough.

God bless.

Sincerely,

Raymond Cho
Ontario's Minister for Seniors & Accessibility

KOREAN WAR

Over 16 United Nation Forces 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

Over 58,000 UN Forces killed during the Korean War

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

NOUS NOUS SOUVIENDRONS D'EUX

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Canadians in the Korean War 1950-1953 26,791 Fought 516 Killed 1,558 Wounded 21 MIA



Staff Sergeant Joseph H Willson JR

US 5th Airforce HQ, Bronze Star

The “Ambassador for Peace Medal” will be presented to S/Sgt. Joseph H Willson JR.

He served with the US 5th Air force HQ as a flight engineer. Unfortunately, he died in a fatal plane (Beech C-45 Expeditor) crash during the Korean War near Dague, Korea on February 8 , 1951. He is from Miami, Florida and his family members are Canadians.

His nephew Commander(Ret'd) Richard Beresford served with the Royal Canadian Navy. His great nephew Sergeant(Ret'd) Anthony Beresford served with the RCN and Royal Canadian Air force. His Great niece Lt.(Ret'd) Ann Marie Beresford served with RCN. Their mother Lt.(Ret'd) Shirley Bresford served with the RCN as well. The family have been carrying a torch and the memory of him for many years. We will remember him.



Beech C-45 Expeditor
(Light Transport)



S/Sgt. Joseph Henry Willson JR's medals and newspaper article



**THEY GAVE THEIR TOMORROWS
FOR OUR TODAYS**