



## **“United Nations 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong”**

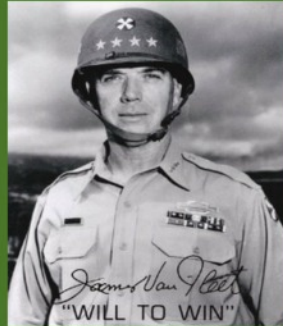
**April 23 (Friday), 2021 2:00 P.M. at the Korean War Monument  
Frank C. Gardner & Veterans Memorial, Lake Alfred, Florida**

**“Complimentary Dinner and Gift Presentation for Korean War Veterans”  
4:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4289, 2441 7th St SW, Winter Haven**

**In Partnership with KWVA Chapter 159, The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144, VFW Post 4289**

**R.S.V.P. to HooJung Jones Kennedy & Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy event co-chairs  
by April 10, Tel: 863-215-7807 or email [hjjones@bell.net](mailto:hjjones@bell.net)**

UNITED NATIONS  
70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong



4 Star General James Van Fleet, a Commander of UN Forces in Korean War



THANK YOU  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

# 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**

**우리는 그들을 영원히 기억할것입니다.**



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



## **“United Nations 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong” Event Program**

### **Welcome by**

M.C. Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Event Co-Chair  
Former Deputy Commander of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry

### **Background of the Battle of Kapyong (now known as Gapyeong), Introduction of Guests:**

HooJung Jones Kennedy, Event Co-Chair,  
Former Presidential Advisor of the National Unification Advisory Council, Toronto Chapter,  
Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton Project Director & Member of the Korean  
War Veterans Association Chapter 159 Sunshine State, Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas  
County, Co-Author of “Canadians Our Heroes 1950-1953 Korean War”

### **National Anthems**

American National Anthem  
Korean National Anthem

### **Welcome Speech** by Nancy Daley, Mayor of the City of Lake Alfred

**Remarks:** Consul General Kim Young-jun, Consulate General of Korea in Atlanta  
Mayor Eugene Fultz, Mayor of the City of Lake Wales  
Mr. Taylor Sanchez, Director of Hon. Senator Marco Rubio's Office  
Ms. Luis R. Laracuente, Director of Senator Rick Scott's Office

Greeting letter of The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Greeting Letter of Hon. Senator Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of Opposite Party  
Greeting Letter of Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada  
and Associate of Minister of National Defence  
Greeting Letter of Sung Ki-Kim of City of Gapyeong, Korea

**Invocation** - John Goodman, Korean War Veteran, Past Padre of VFW Post 2420 Lake Wales

**Act of Remembrance** - Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

### **Moment of Silence**

### **Laying of Wreath**

**Gun Salute** Duane Wennigner and the VFW Post 4289 Winter Haven Honor Guard

**Taps/ Last Post** : Danny Vega, WWII Veteran & VFW Post 4289 Winter Haven Honor Guard

**Benediction:** John Goodman, Korean War Veteran

### **Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation**

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Ray Duncan of the Westgate River Ranch

**Closing Remarks:** Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy, Event Co-Chairs

**“Appreciation Dinner and gift presentation for Korean War Veterans and invited guests”**  
at the VFW Post 4289 Winter Haven at 4:00 P.M.

Sponsored by Office of the Defense Attaché Embassy of the Republic of Korea  
& HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

April 23, 2021

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the United Nations 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong.



This international day of remembrance honours veterans of the United Nations (UN) Command forces who took part in the fierce battle of April 22–25, 1951, that helped save Seoul during the Korean War. More than 26,000 Canadians served at sea, in the air and on the ground as part of the multinational UN force in Korea between 1950 and 1953, including 516 who lost their lives. Today's ceremony serves as a poignant reminder of their courage and sacrifice.

I am privileged to have this opportunity to pay tribute to our soldiers and their families for the sacrifices they made in the name of peace and freedom. At this time, I would also like to commend the Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 for co-sponsoring events to help honour those who kept our nation strong and free and to preserve their legacy for future generations.

On behalf of the Government of Canada and my family, I offer my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada



**Message from the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay,  
Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence**

I want to thank all those involved with organizing this commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. As time passes, it's vitally important that we ensure that the sacrifices of the soldiers who served in defence of the Republic of Korea are not forgotten. I know how much it means to our Korean War Veterans—including those who served at Kapyong—to know that their service continues to be recognized.

In holding the line during the Battle of Kapyong, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI) helped prevent a costly defeat for the United Nations and South Korean forces. Their success, however, came at a cost—10 Canadians were killed and 23 were wounded. Countless others returned home, forever carrying the burdens of war.

Defeating an enemy several times their own size in the most challenging of environments, the soldiers of 2 PPCLI wrote one of the most important chapters in Canada's long military history. They received the rare honour of the United States Presidential Unit Citation. And our friends in the Republic of Korea remain ever grateful to the brave Canadians who fought and to those who gave their lives at Kapyong.

Once again, thank you for marking this important anniversary and for ensuring that all those who fought in Korea in defence of peace continue to be honoured and remembered.

Lest we forget,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP

SENATE  
The Honourable Yonah Martin



SÉNAT  
L'honorable Yonah Martin

April 2021

**A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN**

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I would like to thank all those in attendance for today's historic "United Nations 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong" event. As you know, Canada was proud to serve alongside the brave soldiers of the United States throughout the Korean War, on land, at sea and in the air.



At the Battle of Kapyong, the 27th Infantry Brigade (United Kingdom), which included the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Republic of Korea's 6th Division, and the United States 5th Cavalry Regiment held their ground against vastly superior communist forces from the People's Republic of China's 118<sup>th</sup> Division. Had they not stopped the Chinese offensive, Seoul would have fallen and the civilian casualties would have been devastating.

I would also like to acknowledge the partnership between the Royal Canadian Legion Post 144, the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159 Sunshine State and the VFW Post 4289 Winter Haven. Brothers and sisters in arms know no boundaries, and that special bond has made this event a reality. A special thank you to the sponsors, Co-Chairs of the "United Nations 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong", HooJung Jones Kennedy, former Advisor to the South Korean President (National Unification Advisory Council, Toronto Chapter) and Major Don Kennedy, (Ret.), former Deputy Commanding Officer of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

While you commemorate the Battle of Kapyong at the Frank C. Gardner & Veterans Memorial in Florida, know that your friends in Canada will be thinking of you and remembering the great sacrifices you and your comrades made to make the Land of the Morning Calm a place of peace, prosperity and freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Yonah Martin", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Yonah Martin  
*Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate*  
*Grand Patron of Korea Veterans Association Heritage Unit*

## United States Senate

April 23, 2021

Dear Friends:

I am honored to join the Korea Society, Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 and our Korean War veterans in recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. Thank you for your dedication to honoring the legacy of General James Van Fleet and the brave fallen Korean War veterans who fought for freedom.

As a Navy veteran myself and the son of a World War II veteran, I know firsthand the sacrifices our veterans, military members and their families make to defend our freedom. Those who have served in our Armed Forces truly represent the best of what it means to be an American and a Floridian. None of the opportunities and freedoms we have as Americans would be possible without the dedicated service of our brave heroes.

Throughout my time as Governor of Florida, I made it my mission to turn our state into the most military and veteran-friendly state in the nation by championing important legislation and funding to support priorities that matter most to Florida's military and veteran families. Fighting for our heroes continues to be one of my top priorities as a U.S. Senator and a member of the Armed Services Committee. I will always do everything I can to support our veterans and their families so they can succeed and pursue their dreams in our state.

We must take every opportunity to thank those who risked their lives in the fight for liberty across the globe. They will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,



A stylized, handwritten signature of Rick Scott in blue ink.

Rick Scott  
United States Senator



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 23, 2021

Dear Friends,

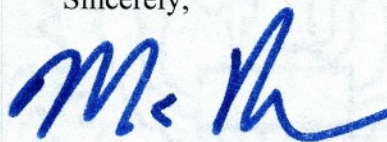
It is my honor to join you in recognizing the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong and the extraordinary sacrifices made by our Armed Forces during the battle.

As we come together today, let us pay tribute to their service by reflecting upon the many challenges our Korean War veterans overcame on our behalf. Many selflessly risked their lives to protect us during this battle and the war from those seeking to inflict harm against our freedoms and to spread tyranny. Their sacrifices are the reason generations of Americans live in a world with unprecedented freedom and liberty today.

My wife Jeanette and I proudly support our Korean War veterans and their families. We are grateful to join you in honoring their service on this anniversary. We extend our best wishes to all in attendance today and join you in conveying our profound sense of gratitude to all Americans who protect our nation.

May God bless you, our men and women in uniform, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
United States Senator





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*Office of the Mayor*

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April 2021

On behalf of the City of Lake Alfred Commissioners, Staff and Residents I would like to welcome you to the Korean War Memorial at Frank C. Gardner Park to commemorate the United Nations 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. There is no measure of appreciation great enough to acknowledge the bravery and sacrifice of the United Nations Forces that were able to hold back the enemy to protect the City of Seoul so many years ago. Today we will lay a wreath to memorialize the 58,000 soldiers that died and to pay tribute to all of the veterans who fought in the Korean War between 1950 and 1953.

We are especially proud of a great Floridian, General James Van Fleet, Commander of the United Nations Forces and the United States Eighth Army during the Korean War. His leadership was a monumental example of bravery and sacrifice while ensuring victory for the incredible military alliances 70 years ago.

Today, it is a great honor to commemorate the victory at the Battle of Kapyong here in Lake Alfred, and bring recognition to all of the brave soldiers who were victorious in securing freedom and peace in Korea. Thank you to all of the organizations and cosponsors that have worked so hard to make this event a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Z. Daley".

Nancy Z. Daley  
Mayor





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미래 창조도시

### Mayor Kim's Greeting

(City of Lake Alfred's Frank C Gardener Park, Apr.23, 2021. 14:00)

Good Morning, Korean War Veterans of the United States of America, Korean War Veterans of Canada in Florida. This is Sungki Kim, Mayor of Gapyeong County, Korea. First of all, I would like to congratulate you that a commemorative ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeong is being held today here in front of the Korean War Memorial at the city of Lake Alfred's Frank C. Gardener park.

Dear UN 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeong Commemorative Ceremony Committee and other 3 groups. Also I would like to thank you for your preparing this great ceremony "UN 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gapeyong". I, as Mayor of Gapyeong County, where the field of the Gapyeong Battle is located, regret that I am unable to physically participate in a ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the Gapeyong Battle due to the Covid-19 situation. However, I am very much with you all at the ceremony.

The Battle of Gapyeong was fought between the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade and the 118th Division of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Gapeyong Valley during 3 days and 2 nights from April 23, 1951 to April 25, 1951. The 27th British Commonwealth Brigade, one of the United Nations Forces, consists of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment, the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment, the 16th Field Regiment Royal New Zealand Artillery and A company 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion of the U.S. Army. Through victory at the Battle of Gapyeong the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade was able to prevent a breakthrough on the United Nations Central front from the enemy's attack, to keep Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea and ultimately to win the Korean War against our enemies.

Specially I would like to honor and remember one Great Man from Florida. He is General James Van Fleet, Commander of the U.N Forces and the U.S. Eighth Army during the Korean War.

General James Van Fleet and his only son Lt. James Van Fleet Jr who was a pilot in the United States Air forces participated in the Korean War at the same

time. Unfortunately his son was missing in action and is still missing. General Van Fleet brought a victory to the U.N. Forces under extremely bad conditions and serious disadvantages. He was cited for his bravery and sacrificial spirit and his leadership was an example to citizens and his proteges in the free world.

We have come here today to commemorate the United Nations Forces who fought during the Korean War , in particular, during the Battle of Gapyeong 70 years ago. During the Korean War, 36,500 American Soldiers, 1,109 British Soldiers, 516 Canadian Soldiers, 340 Australian soldiers, 34 New Zealand soldiers and many others who gave their lives. A total of 58,000 United Nations Forces died during the Korean War. Today through the laying of a wreath we will pay a fitting tribute to their sacrifice between 1950 and 1953.

Also I would like to honor and respect all those who served with service and dedication during the Korean war and I wish them all of health and happiness.

Dear Korean War Veterans of the United States of America, Korean War Veterans of Canada in Florida.

You kept our freedom and peace in Korea. And today we can achieve a remarkable prosperity thanks to your devotion. On this point, I, on behalf of sixty four thousand citizens of Gapyeong, would like to express our sincere appreciation to you and the U.S.A and Canada today.

We, Gapyeong County, have three special relationships with the U.S. Forces Army.

1. We have had the 1<sup>st</sup> relationship with the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. The 40<sup>th</sup> I.D. built Gapyeong High School during the Korean War. 15,000 soldiers of the 40<sup>th</sup> I.D under direction of the Commanding Division, Joseph Cleland, collected USD35,000.00 by donation USD2.00 individually and built the school and have donated to students ever since.

2. A company 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion of the U.S. Army defeated the Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Jeryeongri , Gapyeong Valley in April 1951. The 72 nd Tank Battalion contributed to the victory of the Battle of Gapyeong along with the British Commonwealth Forces against the Chinese Spring Offensive.

3. 240 young men of the 213th Field Artillery Battalion of the U.S. Army defeated 4000 Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Sanghongjerkri, Bukmyeon, Gapyeong on the night of May 26, 1951. 350 Chinese People's Volunteer Army were killed and 830 enemies were captured at this battle. However Not one man



from 240 men of the 213th Field Artillery lost their life. As a result the citizens of Utah in the U.S.A called the Battle of Gapeyong as The Miracle of Gapyeong .

I value the blood alliance between Korea and the U.S.A. between Gapyeong Citizens and the Korean war Veterans of the U.S.A. tied during the battle of Gapyeong 70 years ago and I hope the U.S.- Korea Alliance will be kept and strengthened from generation to generation.


Dear Korean War Veterans of the United States of America, Korean War Veterans of Canada in Florida.

I hope you can enjoy an active life and come back to normal as the Covid-19 situation is coming to an end.

Finally, I would like to congratulate you on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gapeyong Battle.

Once again I wish you good luck and wealth.

Thank you very much

Sungki Kim   
Mayor of Gapeyong County, Korea

# Fallen Soldiers of the Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong)



**United States Presidential Citation Awarded to**

**U.S. Army**

**A Company, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion**

Private Paul Albaugh from Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Private First Class Alban Chmielewski from Gary, Indiana

2 ND Lieutenant Peter Paul Di Martino from Bridgeport, Connecticut

## **Silver Star**



**AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded Posthumously to the following named officers and enlisted men.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT PETER PAUL DI MARTINO**, 02201104, Armor, United States Army, a member of Company "A", 72nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 24 April 1951 near Cheryong-ni, Korea.

On that date at 2100 hours Lieutenant Di Martino's platoon was deployed in a small ford with the mission of blocking the initial expected enemy assault. Because of the close proximity of the enemy on the heels of retreating friendly forces, the enemy was in and upon Lieutenant Di Martino's platoon before they were known to be enemy. With complete disregard for his own personal safety Lieutenant Di Martino heroically exposed himself to withering enemy fire in order to bring to bear, with his 50 caliber machine gun, on an enemy already to close in for rapid turret manipulation. In this gallant effort to ward off an aggressive enemy Lieutenant Di Martino was struck in the face by enemy fire and was killed. The gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Di Martino effects great credit upon himself and the military service. (written by Patrick J Shaughnessy at the Korean War Project)

2LT Peter Paul Di Martino graduated from Norwich Military College in Vermont.

## American Sherman Tank M4 in Korea



## 72<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Tank Battalion Monument



A Company, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion (now changed to 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment) Monument was erected at Chun-An-Ri, South Korea at the site of the larger Battle of Kapyong memorial in 2016 by the Kapyong Battle Memorial Foundation.

They fought alongside Korean, Canadian, Australian and New Zealanders against the Communist Chinese Army during the Battle of Kapyong and they helped save South Korea's capital city "Seoul". Their extraordinary bravery and sacrifices will be remembered by many Koreans and future generations.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**





# Fallen Soldiers of the Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong)



## United States Presidential Citation Awarded to

The Canadian Army that fought under the 27<sup>th</sup> British Commonwealth Brigade

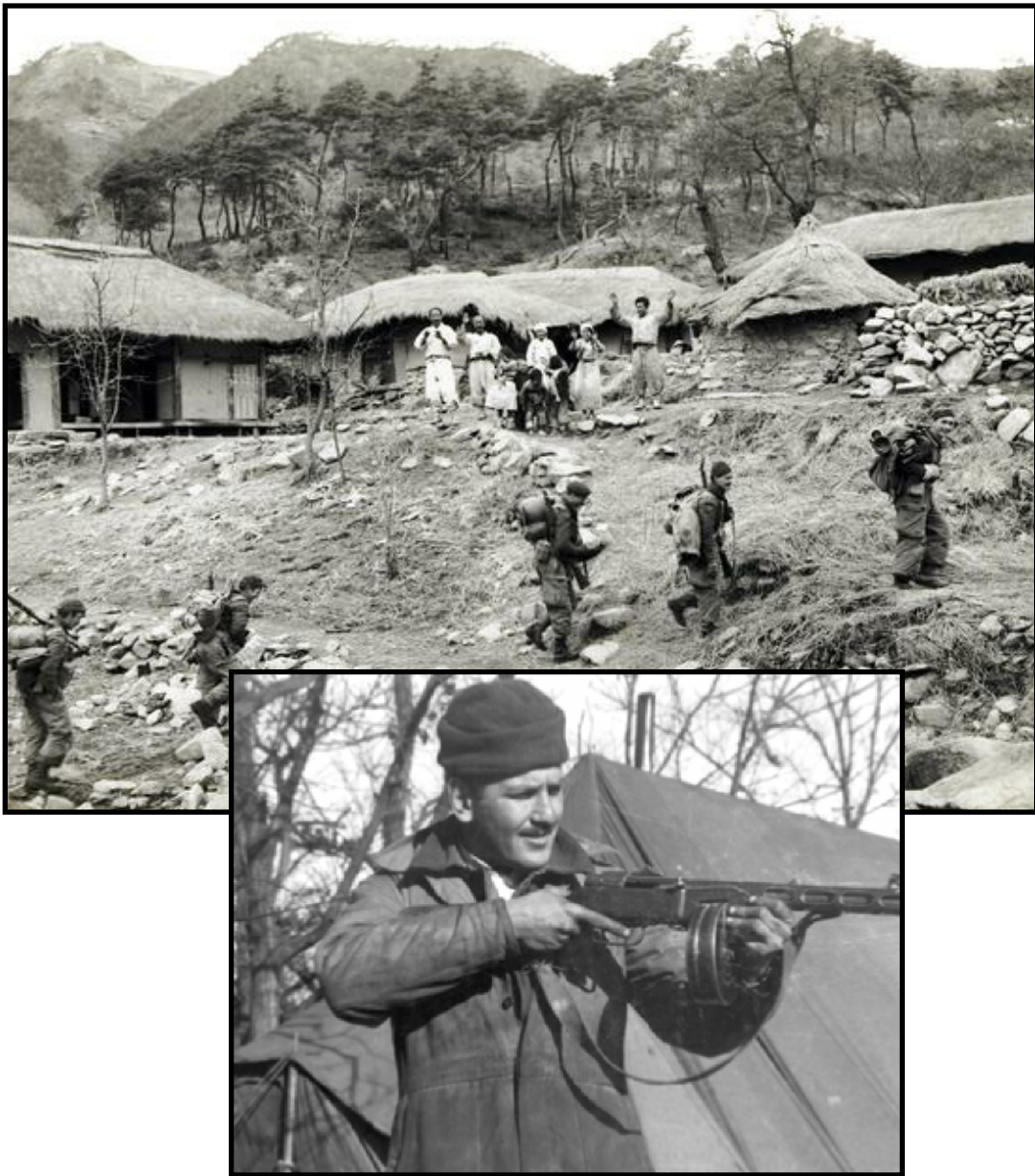


## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2nd Battalion

Private Maurice Sherman Carr, Niagara Falls, Ontario  
Corporal Gerald Robert Evans, Vancouver, British Columbia  
Private Leslie Thomas Fielding, Truro, Nova Scotia  
Private Curtis Archie Hayes, Toronto, Ontario  
Private Joseph Marcel Leo Lessard, Mattawa, Ontario  
Private Bruce Merlin MacDonald, Peterborough, Ontario  
Private Walter John Marshall, Lindsay, Ontario  
Private Robert Herbert George Tolver, Regina, Saskatchewan  
Private Robert Leroy Walker, Ingersoll, Ontario  
Private Thomas Barry Wotton, Winnipeg, Manitoba



## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at Kapyong



**Morely Balinson** served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry (2 PPCLI) as a signaller who fought during the Battle of Kapyong. He is holding a captured Chinese SUB-machine gun and wearing his brother's jacket who was killed in WWII. He was a member of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton and past Regimental Sergeant Major at the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada who trained many soldiers including Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy. He was also served as a RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police). His story is written by Jon Well from the Hamilton Spectator.

<https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2017/11/03/a-soldier-s-story-from-the-forgotten-war.html?Rf>



# CANADIANS OUR HEROES

캐나다 참전용사 우리영웅들





# Gapyeong Canada Monument

at Gapyong, Korea erected in 1975 and rebuilt in 1983 by Gapyong County to honour and remember over 32,000 Canadians who fought during the Korean War.



Photos by David Suh

PPCLI (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry) Monument



# Fallen Soldiers of the Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong)



## United States Presidential Citation Awarded to

Australian army that fought under the 27<sup>th</sup> British Commonwealth Brigade

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Royal Australian Regiment

32 Killed



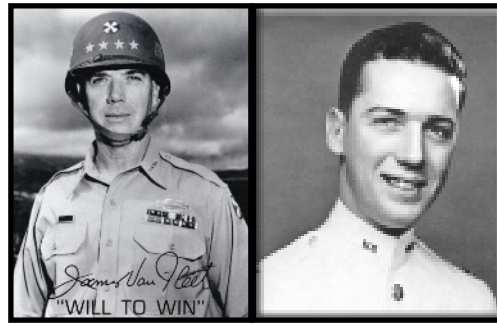
**Photo: Australia War Memorial**

General James A. Van Fleet and a Major General Officer, 8th US Army inspects members of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR).

General Van Fleet issued the “Distinguished Unit Citation” to 3RAR, 2PPCLI, A Company, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion for their extraordinary bravery during the Battle of Kapyong.

“Distinguished Unit Citation later changed to the “United States Presidential Citation”.

## 4 Star General James A. Van Fleet, SR, The Commander of the UN Forces



General James Van Fleet Sr, and his son James Van Fleet Jr (MIA)

### General James Van Fleet's famous phrase is: "Will to Win"

Korea Society Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWSzQIVrKx8>

There were three Generals (General Douglas MacArthur, General Matthew Ridgeway and General James A. Van Fleet) commanding UN forces during the Korean War including the "Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong)".

General James A Van Fleet was also a commander of the 8th Army and he was the one who awarded the "Distinguished Unit Citation" for A company, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, 2PPCLI, 3 RAR for the extraordinary bravery during the "Battle of Kapyong". The "Distinguished Unit Citation" was changed to the **"United States Presidential Unit Citation"**.

General James Van Fleet's son, Lt. James Van Fleet JR was missing in action during the Korean War while he was flying B-26 bomber called "Night Intruder" near Haeju, North Korea with his crew members during a mission on April 4th 1952. His remains were never found and now he is presumed dead. Some speculation included that he and his crews were captured and taken as P.O.W. He was promoted to Captain posthumously.

General Van Fleet grew up in Florida when his parents moved from New York to Florida. His son James was born in Auburndale, Florida. General James Van Fleet served in WWI, WWII and the Korean War (total service in the US Army for 38 years). His home was his ranch in Polk City, Polk County, Florida. He also loved Korea and the Korean people. He was the founder of the American-Korean Foundation and one of the founders of the Korea Society which was established in 1957. He was invited to attend the Seoul Summer Olympic in 1988 by President Roh Tae Woo. He lived until he was 100 years old and he lived to be the oldest general in the U.S. history. He died on Sept 23, 1992.

In Florida, there are many streets, parks, trails and a highway named after him however, the general public does not know about General James Van Fleet who was an inspiring leader. He said that he did not like to lead by fear since the power was given to you to act kindly.

**"I shall come back. You have made me a part of you. I know you are a part of me. I shall not ask you to give me back my heart. I leave it with you"**

-By Gen. James A. Van Fleet Seoul, Republic of Korea 29 January 1953-

## Frank C Gardner Park & Veterans Memorial, Lake Alfred, Florida, U.S.A

238 Main St. E. Lake Alfred, Florida



Korean War Monument (inscribed with the names of 31 Polk County who fell including Capt. James A Van Fleet JR, the son of 4 Star General James Van Fleet SR, a Commander of the UN Forces in Korea including the Battle of Kapyong) was erected in 2015 by the Fallen Warriors Foundation of Polk County.





## **NOT IN VAIN**

**The crosses lined on silent field  
Speak mutely of war's deadly yield.  
The guns are quiet  
The battlefield still  
The dead lie in peace until  
We break faith and start anew.  
Multitudes of dead would rise  
With tears and fire in their eyes  
And thunder:  
"Listen to our cries!  
Remain strong in defence.  
Become not weak,  
Remember Munich's past folly!  
Heed the truth we speak.  
Did we die in vain  
Would you put our death to shame  
Remembering how we died to save  
Mankind from following us  
To a lonely grave?"**

**By Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy**



*We send our appreciations to Korean War Veterans and their family members and guests who attended the "United Nations 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong" to honour and remember the 47 fallen heroes of the Battle of Kapyong and over 58,000 killed in action from 16 United Nations Forces who helped to preserve Peace and Freedom of the Republic of Korea.*

**Freedom is not free. We Will Remember Them.**

*We also send our special thanks to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Canadian Senator Hon. Yonah Martin, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada, Hon. Senator Rick Scott, Florida, Hon. Senator Marco Rubio, Florida, Consul General Kim Young Jun The Republic of Korea in Atlanta, Lt.Col Park, Byoung-gun, Office of the Defense Attaché Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Mayor Sung-ki Kim of the City of Gapyeong, Mayor Nancy Daley, City of City of Lake Alfred, Mayor Eugene Fultz, City of Lake Wales, Mr. Taylor Sanchez, Director of Hon. Senator Marco Rubio, MS. Luis R. Laracuente, Director of Hon. Rick Scott, Mr. Ryan Leavengood, Lake Alfred City Manager, Mr. Charles Lake, Lake Alfred Commissioner, Judy Schelfo, Lake Alfred Event coordinator, Peter Palmer, Commander and Sallie Palmer of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159 Sunshine State, Dann Oliver, Post Commander and Mary Oliver and members of The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, Byron Hamilton, Vice- Commander and Beverly Hamilton of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4289 Winter Haven and their Honor Guard, Fallen Warriors of the Polk County Foundation, Stanley Carter, Past Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2420 Lake Wales, John Goodman, Past Padre of VFW 2420, Lake Wales, Pastor Ray Duncan, Bill and Carol Ann Green of the Canadian Heroes, Lisa Williams, Frank and Bobbie Anderson, Frank and Alice Blachly and many dedicated volunteers.*

**HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy Event Co-Chairs, Co-Sponsors**





*Thank you Korean War heroes*

