

Thank You

Korean War Veterans



Appreciation Luncheon



June 16, 2022 1:00 P.M.

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4414 Portage Rd. Niagara Falls, ON

Organized by

Korea War Veterans of Canada Unit 26
Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

Sponsored by

Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto
Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument Committee of Canada



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

We began 21 years ago to organize the **“Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon”** to honour and remember Korean War Veterans at the various Church basements or at Royal Canadian Legions. In 2016, we invited over 230 guests including Korean War Veterans, family members, other Veterans, and serving members at the Kings Buffet in Stony Creek. In 2017-2018, we moved our venue to Michelangelo Banquet Hall in Hamilton and 2019, we joined with the KVA Unit 15 Niagara inviting over 173 guests at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre in St. Catharine. In 2020, we were not able to organize the Korean War Veterans Luncheon due to Covid-19, however, the Korean Government delivered millions of the Korean KF-94 masks to the Korean War Veterans in 16 UN nations including Canada to help protect them from Covid-19.

2021 was the **“70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong”**. On April 23, we organized the **“United Nations 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong”** with the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159 Sunshine State, Florida, The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County and the VFW 4289 Winter Haven at the Korean War Monument, the City of Lake Alfred, Florida. 4 Star General James Van Fleet, UN Commander during the Korean War awarded the **“Distinguished Unit Citation”** to the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment 3rd Battalion and the 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, A Company for their gallant bravery during the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong. Later it changed to the **“United States Presidential Unit Citation”**.

His son, James Van Fleet Jr. was a pilot of a B-26 Bomber and he went missing in action with his crew members during the Korean War on April 4th 1952. It was our honour to help present the Ambassador for Peace medal to James Van Fleet Jr. and the 3 fallen soldiers (72nd Heavy Tank Battalion A Company) posthumously. To date, we have helped to present over 210 Ambassador for Peace Medals from the Korean government in Canada and the U.S. It was our pleasure to organize the **“20th Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon”** on November 5, 2021 at the Michelangelo Banquet Hall and 183 guests attended. At the luncheon, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim presented 4 Ambassador for Peace Medals to 4 Korean War Veterans who served with PPCLI including our dear associate Douglas Keeton a Gapyeong/Kapyong Veteran. As a Monument Project Director, it was my honour to help erect the Gapyeong Battle Victory Monuments in Brampton and Niagara Falls with our committee members.

Today, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim will present 6 Ambassador for Peace Medals to the following Allan Boxshall a WWII and Korean War Veteran who served with the 2PPCLI at the battle of Gapyeong/Kapyong. Alexander McKelvey and Gordon Parks served with RCR. Clayton Morningstar who was killed in action serving with the RCR. He is from from Niagara Falls. Thomas Barry Wotton served with 2PPCLI and he was killed at the Battle of Kapyong. John Firth served with 2PPCLI at the Battle of Kapyong. It was our honour to nominate 9 living battle of Gapyeong/Kapyong Veterans for the **“Honourary Citizenship of Gapyeong”**. Mayor Sungki Kim will present it to them. We salute to our Korean War heroes.

We would like to send our special thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and entertainers.



Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy, Korea War Veterans of Canada Unit 26

ORDER OF SERVICE (Hall 1)

Marching on of Dignitaries and Veterans

M.C. Welcome by Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Chairs

Introduction of Guests by HooJung Jones Kennedy

Welcome Remakes by Mayor Jim Diodati and presentation

Prayer by Rev. Bill Thomas

Luncheon (Toast to Queen Rev. Francis Chisholm, Toast to Canada, Andy Barber, Toast to Korea Rev. Inseob Won, Toast to Fallen Don Suddon)

Remarks

Darrell Samson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence (Member of Parliament)

***Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, The Republic of Korea Consulate General Office in Toronto
Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation***

Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim and Col. Keun Sik Moon, Defence Attaché

- ***Allan Boxshall - 2PPCLI (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion)
Battle of Gapyeong/Kapyong Veteran***
- ***Alexander Mckelvey - RCR (Royal Canadian Regiment)***
- ***Gordon Parks - RCR***
- ***John Firth - 2PPCLI (Granddaughter Kathy Cruickshank)***
- ***Clayton Morningstar - RCR Killed in Action (His brother Gordon Morningstar)***
- ***Thomas Barry Wotton - 2PPCLI Killed in Action at the Battle of Kapyong
(His niece Nicole Wotton)****



Introduction of the City of Gapyeong Delegates by HooJung Jones Kennedy

Remarks by Mayor Sungki Kim and "Honourary Citizenship of the City of Gapyeong"

9 living Gapyeong Veterans who served with 2 PPLCI were nominated by HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Co-Chairs of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

William J.Chrysler, Carl Cardas, Douglas W. Keeton, Ronald Bourgon -(Deceased after the nomination, his daughter Kathy Bourgon will receive it) ***Murray Edwards, John Richard Bishop, Edwin Ralph Adye, Michael Peter Czuboka, Paul John Lamey*** are unable to attend the event.

Allan C Boxshall, is nominated for the "Honourary Citizenship of the City of Gapyeong" recently.

Appreciation Plaques and Gifts Presentation by Mayor Sungki Kim

Appreciation Certificate and Gifts Presentations

HooJung Jones Kennedy on behalf of Hon. Yonah Martin Senator, David Adames, CEO Niagara Park Commission, Greg Ferguson, PPCLI Association SW, Tom Aldred, CAVUNP Buffalo 461

Entertainment -Haegum by Sosun Suh, Violin by Yoanna Jang, Bagpipe by Gordon Scott, Joyful singers, Saxophone by Wong Pyo Hong, Gayagum by Kyoung Ja Park and members, Sunjs Lee Singer

Closing prayer by Padre Inseob Won

Thank you Remarks, Sponsors acknowledgment and announcement by M.C.

Volunteers: Miles Ross, Andy Choi, Dowson Pratt, Kathy Joynt, Mike Mcglahson, Len Perdic

ORDER OF SERVICE (Hall 2)

행사 프로그램

Dave Lee, M.C. Vice President of the Niagara Korean Association
사회: 이호근 나이아가라 한인회 부회장

Introduction of Guests - Dave Lee, M.C
귀빈 소개: 이호근

Welcome by JinWoong Kim, Co-Chair of the Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument Committee of Canada 환영인사: 김진웅 가평전투 승전비 위원회 공동 위원장

Remarks by Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim
축사: 김득환 총영사 토론토 총영사관

Remarks and Presentation by Gapyeong Mayor Sung Ki Kim
축사: 김성기 가평군수

Remarks by Peter Song Co-Chair of the Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument Committee of Canada
축사: 송선호 가평전투 승전비 위원회 공동 위원장

Entertainment 엔터테인먼트

- **Gayagum by Kyoung Ja Park and members** 가야금 박경자 단장의 단원
- **Sun Ja Lee, Singer** 이선자 노래
- **Joyful Singer by Koung-Sook Kim and members** 조이플 합창단 김경숙 단장의 단원
 - **Saxophone by Wong Pyo Hon** 흥원표 색소폰
 - **Prayer by Rev. Wook Soo Seo**
식도: 서욱수 목사

Luncheon 오찬

Appreciation Certificates and Gifts Presentation
감사장및 선물 증정

Thank you remarks by Jin Woong Kim
감사 인사” 김진웅 가평전투 승전비 건립 위원회 공동 위원장

Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument Committee of Canada

가평전투 승전비 건립 위원회 위원

Peter Song, JinWoong Kim, Hong Chin Chang, Dave Lee, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Minho Lee

송선호, 김진웅, 장홍진, 이호근, 김후정, 이민호

Thank you very much for all your support.
많은 후원 감사드립니다.



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

June 16, 2022

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 21st Anniversary Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, commemorating the unveiling of the Korean War Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument at Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls.



This annual event 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, including the important role played by soldiers of the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment. 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, and our fallen soldiers at Kapyong were among 516 Canadians who lost their lives. Today's unveiling ceremony and luncheon serves as a poignant reminder of their courage and sacrifice.

I am privileged to have this opportunity to pay tribute to our Korean War Veterans and their lasting contribution to protecting the values we hold dear. We must never forget those who fought and sacrificed in defence of peace and freedom. I would also like to commend the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for helping to preserve the legacy of our Veterans for future generations. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable luncheon.

Sincerely,

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

SENATE
The Honourable Yonah Martin



CANADA

SÉNAT
L'honorable Yonah Martin

June 2022



A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN

As Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of Canada, I am honoured to extend my most sincere greetings to all veterans of the Korean War and participants at this year's annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon and I would like to commend Hoojung Jones Kennedy, Don Kennedy and the Korean War Veterans of Canada Unit 26 for their dedication, passion and commitment to serving and honouring our beloved veterans of the Korean War.

To our veterans, thank you for your service and the sacrifices made to protect the people of South Korea over 70 years ago. Your courage, strength and dedication will never be forgotten. Together we will ensure that future generations know the importance of the Korean War and your legacies of service and sacrifices. Today and always we will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, best wishes for a memorable event.

At your service,

A handwritten signature in black 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
Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of Canada



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
LA LIEUTENANTE-GOUVERNEURE DE L'ONTARIO



June 16, 2022

I warmly extend greetings to all gathered for the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon and the special "Gapyeong Battle Victory" unveiling ceremony.

As your Lieutenant Governor, accompanied on a daily basis by serving members and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, I have come to greatly appreciate the contributions of those who wear the uniform. As the Korean War threatens to retreat from our collective memory, it is more important than ever that we never forget the sacrifices of those who took part in what has been described as The Forgotten War. We have a duty to honour their service and to offer our support to them and their families.

I thank the luncheon organizers for their work in bringing people together in appreciation of our veterans. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable afternoon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Dowdeswell".

Elizabeth Dowdeswell

Consul General Greeting Letter



I am pleased to extend my warmest regards to everyone attending the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. I would like to thank the Korean War Veterans of Canada Unit 26 Hamilton for hosting today's event, and for their endless contribution to honouring the legacy of Korean War Veterans and their families.

The noble Canadian soldiers, who fought for the freedom and peace of my country, are forever in the hearts and minds of Koreans. Without their bravery and sacrifice, Korea would not have been able to enjoy the peace and stability we know today. On behalf of the people of the Republic of Korea, I wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your service, and I have no doubt that your heroic achievements laid the foundation for the enduring friendship our two countries share.

I once again offer my best wishes and appreciation for today's gathering.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in Korean characters: 김득환

Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim

Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto

Message from the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD

June 2022

Several years ago, I was in Gapyeong and also at other battle sites where Canadians had fought so valiantly. Korea is no longer the forgotten war and when I visit Korea, I realize how enormously grateful Koreans are to Canadians. Looking at those hills in Korea which are now all covered with forest, one could still see the terrifying challenge of that terrain and that climate.

We honor the memory of the sacrifices made in Korea. We know the role it played in the geopolitics of the time. We know that Canadians sacrificed to make Korea the outstanding country that it has now become in the 21st century.



Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

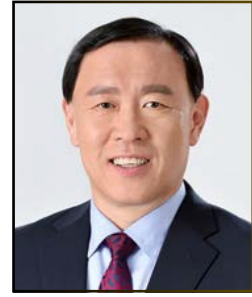


PPCLI in Korea, December 1951



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The City of Gapyeong Mayor Greeting Letter



Mayor Sungki Kim

Dear Korean War Veterans, Family and distinguished guests,

Good afternoon.

I am Sungki Kim Mayor of the City of Gapyeong, Korea.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the 9 Gapyeong (previously known as Kapyong)Veterans who are the recipients of the "Honourary Citizenship of the City of Gapyeong" Sadly, some Gapyeong Veterans were unable to attend therefore, their "Honourary Citizenship of the City of Gapyeong" will be delivered by HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Chair of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada and the nominator.

Dear Gapyeong Veterans, you are the fundamental contributors of the City of Gapyeong's prosperity and honour. You have fought for our freedom and help to protect us and the City of Gapyeong during the Korean War.

I am very proud of your contribution and I would like to send our special appreciations to you on behalf of the 64,000 Gapyeong citizens.

It is my honour and pleasure to present the "Honourary Citizenship of the City of Gapyeong" to 4 Gapyeong Veterans who are here with us today. Congratulations!

I wish all of you a healthy and long life and we hope to meet again.

Thank you.

Mayor Sungki Kim

가평전투참전용사 여러분,
안녕하십니까? 가평군수 김성기입니다.
오늘 가평군 명예군민증과 패를 받으시는 아홉분의 가평전투 참전용사
여러분께 진심으로 축하의 말씀을 드립니다. 수상 대상자 아홉분중 일부
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참전용사 후원회 회장이 추후에 전달해 드릴 예정입니다.

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건강하게 오래오래 사세요.

감사합니다.

“Honourary Citizenship of the City of Gapyeong” Recipients

9 Battle of Gapyeong/Kapyong Veterans -2PPLCI



Douglas Wayne Keeton



Edwin Ralph Adye



William John Chrysler



Michael Peter Czuboka



John Richard Bishop



Murray Edwards



Ronald Bourgon 



Carl Cardas



Paul John Lamay

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2PPCLI Soldiers, Private Morris Piche with L/Cpl. William J Chrysler near Kapyong Valley. Photo:Imperial Museum



Allan Boxshall with two Korean orphans.

Battle of Gapyeong/Kapyong

April 23 - 25, 1951



“United States Presidential Unit Citation”

2PPCLI



Andy Foulds giving toys to a Korean boy.

Fairview Cemetery



Mark Richardson

Dear Korean War Veterans and family members and Korean community,
The Fairview Cemetery was established in 1883 and we have 77.6 Acres of land managed by the City of Niagara Falls. Each year, an annual service at the outset of Royal Canadian Legion Week, the third week of September, typically begins with a “Parade to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” On September 16th , 2017, a very special ceremony properly recognized our Unknown Soldier through a formal Military Funeral and the entombment of the Unknown Soldier.

The ceremony also served as the formal unveiling of the restoration of 200 Veteran’s and War Dead graves in Fairview Cemetery's two existing Fields of Honour, as well as the development of the new Field of Honour to the west of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The Tomb of Unknown Soldiers erected (Sept 16, 2017) and the “Korean War Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument”

Today (June 16th 2022), we are very honoured to help erect the “Korean War Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument” at the Fairview Cemetery with the Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument Committee of Canada (Peter Song, JinWoong Kim, Hong Chin Chang, Dave Lee, HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major (Ret’d) Kennedy and Minho Lee). We would like send our special thanks to the Mayor Sungki Kim and City of Gapyeong for donating the beautiful monument to honour and remember Korean War Veterans. Please enjoy your luncheon and we hope to see you at the next year’s ceremony as we commemorate the “70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice”.

Sincerely,

Mark Richardson, Manager of Fairview Cemetery

City of Niagara Falls

Korean War



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

