



~ 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice ~

~ 65 주년 한국전 정전 기념의 해 ~

*To Honour and Remember Korean War Veterans*

**“KOREAN WAR VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON”**

**“캐나다 한국전 참전용사 감사 오찬”**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2018 11:30 A.M.**

2018 년 11 월 8일, 11시 30분

**Michelangelo Events and Conference Centre  
1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton, Ontario**

미켈란젤로 컨벤션 센터, 해밀턴, 온타리오

**Organized by: Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton**

주최: 캐나다 한국전 참전용사회 해밀턴 지구 26

**Sponsored by: Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto**

후원: 주 토론토 총영사관



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

November 8, 2018

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending this year's Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.



Since it was founded, the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton, has fostered fellowship among members of the community who served in the Korean War. This event offers a wonderful opportunity to share memories and to reflect on the many experiences and achievements that have shaped your lives since that time.

This year marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and I join all of you in paying tribute to the Veterans of the Korean War. We will never forget the 516 Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice, or the 1,558 who returned home wounded.

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

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



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



November 8, 2018

I extend my warm greetings to everyone gathering in Hamilton to mark the 65th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

Canadian service in the Korean War was instrumental in burnishing our reputation as an outward-looking nation that believes in coming to the aid of others and striving to protect fundamental human rights. Today, as events of the last century threaten to retreat from our collective memory, we must ensure that this crucial part of our history is never taken for granted.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative in Ontario, I commend Unit 26 (Hamilton) of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada, and all taking part in this tribute luncheon, for your dedication in honouring the bravery and sacrifice of those who served.

This comes with my best wishes and appreciation.

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

Elizabeth Dowdeswell

SENATE  
The Honourable Yonah Martin



SÉNAT  
L'honorable Yonah Martin



November 2018

### GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN

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It is my great honour to extend my warmest greetings to all the Veterans, participants, and organizers in attendance at the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon to commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

Honoured Veterans, your brave and selfless sacrifice in the Korean War has changed the lives of Koreans forever. You have taught Korea and her people through your actions that freedom is not free, and that it must be cherished. Korean Canadians like myself, and Koreans all over the world will continue to remember and deeply appreciate your bravery today and always. We will always remember you as our heroes.

I wish to commend the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26 for their continual dedication to their fellow Veterans and for hosting today's luncheon. Special thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to coordinate the event.

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I wish you a wonderful gathering.

Sincerely,

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

The Hon. Yonah Martin  
*Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate*  
*Co-Chair, Canada Korea Interparliamentary Friendship Group*



**Consul General's Message  
Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon**

On the occasion of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the cessation of Hostilities of the Korean War, I would like to convey my deepest respect and gratitude to the Veterans of the Korean War, and all those who sacrificed their lives for the peace and freedom of the Korean people.

At one of the darkest periods in Korean history, young Canadian men and women left their homes and families to defend freedom and democracy in a place they knew very little about. The people of Korea remain deeply grateful to them for their brave service and sacrifice, and the enduring contributions to the freedom and prosperity that Koreans enjoy today. They will forever be in the hearts and minds of Koreans.

I would like to thank KVA Unit 26 Hamilton, for organizing this Appreciation Luncheon to pay tribute to Korean War Veterans and their families. I would also like to thank special guest speaker, Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve.

Once again, I salute Korean War Veterans and their families for their selfless service and sacrifice to Korea. Your courage and enduring spirit inspire us, and your legacy enriches us—now and forever.

Tae-in Chung

Consul General

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Welcome by MC: Marching of the Veterans**

**Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy & HooJung Jones Kennedy, KVA Unit 26 Project Coordinator**

**Introduction of Guests**

**"O Canada" and "Korean National Anthem" : Kyoung Ja Chrysler**

**Remembrance Poem : Elizabeth Daley**

**Act of Remembrance: Romeo Daley, President KVA Unit 15**

**Moment of Silence - for 516 Canadian Fallen soldiers and  
Ernie Capstick**

**Lament : Pipe Major (Ret'd), John Terrence**

**Benediction : Rev. Bill Thomas**

**Remarks:**

- **Consul General Tae-in Chung**
- **Paul Miller, MPP**
- **Monique Taylor, MPP**
- **Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor**



**Special Guest Speaker:**

**Lieutenant-General J.O. Michel Maisonneuve CMM, MSC, CD (Retired)**

**Grace by Rev. Bill Thomas**

**Luncheon - Sponsored by The Republic of Korea Consulate General in Toronto**

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**Video Presentation:**

**"Thank you Korean War Veterans" and "Canadians Our Heroes"**

**"Ambassador for Peace Medal" Presentation to:**

**Mr. Russ Falshaw, RCN H.M.C.S. Sioux, Korean War Naval Veteran**



**Entertainment: Korean Traditional Music and other Music**

**Jin Kyun Kim, Roa Lee, Dan Lauson as Frank Sinatra, Pipe Major (Ret'd) John Terrence**

**M.C. Closing Remarks and Prayer by Rev. Bill Thomas**

**We send our special thanks to the Republic of Korea Consulate General in Toronto, Veterans Affairs Canada, Korean War Veterans, their family members, other Veterans, serving Military members, Veterans Advocates, sponsors, entertainers, guests, volunteers and Michelangelo Convention Centre.**

**City of Hamilton, Hamilton Police Service, Hamilton Naval Veterans Association, Commissionaire of Hamilton, Royal Canadian Air Force 447 Wing, Northwall Riders Association Hamilton Chapter, Clear Waters Metis Council (MNO), Hamilton Korean Seniors Association, Kings Buffet, McMaster University, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra**

**Volunteers: RCMP (Ret'd) Kirk Campbell, Linda Terrence, Miles Ross, Soohea Woo, Do Hyun Lee**

## **Dear Korean War Veterans and Family members and Friends,**

On November 8th, 2018 “65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon” was held at the Michelangelo Banquet & Convention Centre to honour and remember Canadian Korean War Veterans who fought during the Korean War (1950-1953) and the UN Peace Keeping Mission (1953-1955).

They served Canada proudly and helped to secure South Korea’s Peace and Freedom saving many innocent lives. They are the true pioneers and heroes of Canada-Korea’s diplomatic and economic relations (\$11 Billion Bilateral Trade) that has impacted largely in various sectors such as Defence, Education, Banking, Research, Science and Technology, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sports (The Republic of Korea hosted a successful 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea on February 9 to 25, 2018).

At this luncheon, there were over 140 guests including 28 Korean War Veterans and their family members. Our special guest speakers were Tae-In Chung, Consul General, Hyeon Mi Lee, Vice Consul, Paul Miller, MPP, his assistance Ryan Ladner, Monique Taylor, MPP, Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Alex Johnstone, representing David Christopherhson, MP, Jacob Tenbrinke, representing David Sweet, MP and our guest speaker Lt. General (Ret’d) Michel Maisonneuve and his wife, Major (Ret’d) Barbara Maisonneuve. Consul Tae-In Chung and Lt. General (Ret’d) Michel Masionnuve delivered their heart-felt speeches to the Korean War Veterans and their family members.

After the luncheon, there were three special video presentations (The Last Ship in the Harbour, Thank You Korean War Veterans, and Canadians Our Heroes). Consul General Tae-In Chung presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Russ Falshaw a Royal Canadian Naval Korean War Veteran who served on HMCS Sioux and Claude Gaudet who is also a WWII Veteran and a Korean War Veteran who served with the Royal Canadian Regiment during the Korean War.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent his greeting letter stating that “This event offers a wonderful opportunity to share memories and to reflect on the many experiences and achievements that have shaped your lives since that time. This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and I join all of you in paying tribute to the Veterans of the Korean War. We will never forget the 516 Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice, or the 1,558 who returned home wounded”.

The Korean War Veteran Appreciation luncheon was organized by Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton and the Roast Beef luncheon and the beautiful Korean traditional musical and other entertainment were sponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto.

Once again, we send our deepest appreciation to all who helped to organize the “Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon”.

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

“Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon” Organizing Committee Co-Chairs

## 2018 Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Photos



Veterans Affairs Canada Posters at the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon



Veterans Affairs Canada 2018 Korean War Poster, "Freeze" by Ted Zuber, Korean War Veteran and artist





**Volunteers welcomed the Korean War Veterans and guests at the registration table**

**(Volunteers- Lynda Terrence, Miles Ross, Sunny Kim, Young Ae Kim, Dohyun Lee, Sooae Woo)**



**Left to Right: Jerry Walters and Jim Morris Korean War Veterans gather in the hall to March.**



**Left to Right: Bill Chrysler and Hub Lalonde Korean War Veterans**



**Left to Right: Ken Griffith with Fred Morse, Korean War Veterans**



**WWII, Korean War Veterans, other Veterans, Serving Military members and police**



**Right to Left: Tae-In Chung, Consul General, Ron Atkins, Reenactor, Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Masionnuve, William Mason, Superintendent, Pipe Major (Ret'd) John Terrence and Stephen Rogers, Reenactor**



**Tae-In Chung, Consul General delivered his heart-felt remarks  
and HooJung Jones Kennedy, MC**



**Paul Miller, MPP presented the Appreciation Certificate to HooJung Jones Kennedy,  
Project and Fundraising Director of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26  
organizing the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheons for 18 years.**



**Monique Taylor, MPP delivered her heart-felt remarks**



**Brenda Johnson, City of Hamilton Deputy Mayor thanked the Korean War Veterans and their family members**



**Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve delivered his heart-felt speech thanking the Korean War Veterans**



**Tae-in Chung, Consul General presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Russ Falshaw, a Korean War Naval Veteran who served on HMCS Sioux during the Korean War**



**Tae-in Chung, Consul General presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Claude Gaudet, a WWII and Korean War Veteran who served with the Royal Canadian Regiment.**



**Alex Johnstone presented the appreciation certificate to Ken Griffith from David Christopherson, Member of Parliament**



**Left to Right: Doug Clifford, Ken Griffith and HooJung Jones Kennedy. Ken Griffith presented the certificate to Doug Clifford for all his support.**



**(Left to Right) Andy Barber and Ron Kirk, Korean War Naval Veterans**





**Left to Right: Mina and John McGillip, Ken Griffith, Shirley Gibson, Dan and Doris Muir, Claude Gaudet**



**Left To Right: Fred Morse, Tom Ferrier, Ivan Ferrier, Carsten and Rita MacKay, June and Dan Ward**



**Left to Right: Gianni Comisso, Yvonne Capstick, Bud Keeton,  
Jean Morris, Doreen Keeton**



**Left to Right: Joan and Hub Lalonde, Bill and Kyoung Ja Chrslyer**



**Left to Right: Bill and Kyoung Ja Chrysler, Fay McIntee, Shirley and George Barrett, Jim Robson**



**Left to Right: Gordon Bennett, Grace and Don Suddon, Evelyn Bennett, Nancy Smerkarm Doug Clifford and Jim Morris**



**Left to Right: Faye Falshaw, Christine Palsler, Sybil McClure,  
Kristin Courtney, Grace and Don Suddon, President of Korea Veterans  
Association of Canada Heritage Unit**



**Left to Right: Jack and Perl Smith, Bob Ankrett, HooJung Jones Kennedy,  
Michael and Elaine Bladon and Anne Curtis**



**Left to Right: Deborah Wright, Nanci and Dave Mair,  
Heather Hollis and Gerry Custeau**



**Left to Right: Bill and Margaret Grahlman, Gladys and James Hooton,  
Dave Upsdell, Terry Welsh**



**Left to Right: June Ward, Russ Falshaw and Dan Ward**



**Left to Right: Faye Falsahw, Christine Palsler, Sybil McClure, a 100 year old WWII Veteran**



**Let to Right: Tae-In Chung, Consul General and Hyeon Mi Lee, Vice Consul**



**Left to Right: Kyusik Kim and Jung Hee Seh, members of the Korean Hamilton Seniors Association (They are HooJung's parents. Jung Hee Seh was the North Korean refugee who was saved during the Korean War by US Merchant Naval Ship SS Meredith Victory along with 14,000 refugees**



**Left to Right: Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve with his wife, Major (Ret'd) Barbara Maisonneuve and their guests Minji Kang and Yun Kang.**





**Left to Right : Barbara and Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve  
Dan Rodrigue, Yun and Minji Kang, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Romeo Daley**



**Romeo Daley, President KVA Unit 15 and Beth Daley, HooJung Jones Kennedy  
(Romeo and Beth Daley received the Appreciation Certificate from KVA Unit 26 )**



Left to Right: Roa Hyungyoung Lee, Gayagum player,  
Jin Kyun Kim, Jang Gu (Korean drum) player played beautiful music





**Left to Right: HooJung Jones Kennedy, Monique Taylor, MPP, Tae-In Chung, Consul General, Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve, Paul Miller, MPP**



**Left to Right: HooJung Jones Kennedy, Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve, Faye Falshaw  
Lt. General (Ret'd) Michel Maisonneuve received the Appreciation Certificate from KVA Unti 26.**



**Left to Right: Stephen Rogers presented the Veterans Affairs Canada Poster to HooJung Jones Kennedy**



**Left to Right: Romeo Daley, Kristin Courtney, Lt. General(Ret'd) Michel, Barbara Maisonneuve, Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy and Tom Aldred**



**Left to Right: Major(Ret'd) Don and HooJung Kennedy, Doris Muir, Claude Gaudet, Dan Muir  
(Doris and Dan Muir, President of Hamilton Naval Veterans Association  
are great supporters of the Korean War Veterans)**



**Left to Right: Don Thompson, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Gerry Fraser  
HooJung Jones Kennedy presented the Appreciation Certificate to  
John Livingstone, CEO of Commissionaires of Hamilton for his support  
for the 2017 Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.**



**Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, a member of the Korean War Veterans  
Appreciation Luncheon Organizing Committee**



**140 Guests including 28 Korean War Veterans and their family members attended the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.  
(Photos by Elizabeth Daley and Sooaee Woo)**

**Thank you very much for all your support.  
We will always remember Korean War Veterans.**



# Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon 2017 Photos



# Peace medals for Korean War vets

## Claude Gaudet and Russ Falshaw honoured at special luncheon

News 01:29 PM by Mark Newman Hamilton Mountain News



**Korean War veterans Claude Gaudet (left) and Russ Falshaw with HooJung Jones Kennedy, Project and Fundraising Director with the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton. She is also the organizer of the appreciation luncheons that are held in Hamilton each year for Canadian Korean War veterans. - Mark Newman/ Metroland**

**Russ Falshaw was speechless.**

**The 86-year-old Milton resident and Korean War veteran couldn't believe it when he got a phone call recently telling him he was going to receive an Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Consul General of the Republic of Korea (South Korea).**

**"I was so astounded that I would be considered for such an honour that I couldn't even talk, I had to pass the phone to my wife," said Falshaw, who received the medal from Consul General Tae-in Chung during a special luncheon at the Michelangelo Banquet Centre Nov. 8 to mark the 65th anniversary of the Korean War armistice.**

**The Korean War raged from 1950 to 1953, which ended with the country divided into the communist North and the American and United Nations-backed South.**

**Nearly 27,000 Canadians took part in the conflict, 516 were killed and 1,558 were wounded. Ninety-year-old Hamilton resident Claude Gaudet, who served in the Second World War and the Korean War, also received a peace medal from the Consul General.**



**Korean veterans Claude Gaudet (left) and Russ Falshaw received Ambassador for Peace medals from the Republic of (South) Korea at the 18th annual Korean War Veterans appreciation luncheon. - Mark Newman/ Metroland**

**An infantry soldier with the Royal Canadian Regiment, Gaudet said he was hit by shrapnel in his right leg, but a Korean doctor saved it.**

**“One of our doctors wanted to cut my leg off and a Korean doctor said ‘no, no I can save that leg’ so he operated on me and he saved it,” Gaudet recalled.**

**Falshaw was a seaman on board HMCS Sioux that patrolled the east and west coasts of Korea and provided naval support during the Sept. 15 to 19, 1950 invasion of Inchon.**

**“It was like a mini D-Day,” Falshaw recalled.**

**The invasion involving 75,000 troops and 261 naval vessels was a decisive victory for the United Nations as it led to the recapture of the South Korean capital of Seoul.**

**Falshaw called South Korea “a beautiful country and such wonderful people.”**

**For Canada the conflict in Korea has been called Canada’s Forgotten War.**

**But there was nothing forgotten about the Canadian men and women who served there at last week’s luncheon that included about 150 people, including 28 Korean War vets and 56 family members of war vets.**

**“The people of Korea will never forget all they (the Canadian soldiers) have done for us,” said Consul General Chung, who came in from Toronto for the event that was organized by the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton. “You are heroes to the Korean people; your legacy enriches us now and forever.”**

**The luncheon’s guest speaker, retired Canadian Lt.-Gen. Michel Maisonneuve, called the Korean conflict a war that was fought for freedom “in the snow, the mud and the cold.”**

**by Mark Newman**



**Consul General of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) Tae-in Chung presented an Ambassador for Peace medal to Hamilton resident Claude Gaudet who served in the Korean War with the Royal Canadian Regiment. - Mark Newman/ Metroland**

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**HooJung Jones Kennedy with Mark Newman, Reporter, Hamilton Mountain News**

**He is a great supporter of the Korean War Veterans.**

## **Korean War Veterans**

- 1. Don Arthurs**
- 2. Andy Barber**
- 3. George Barrett**
- 4. Gordon Bennet**
- 5. Michael Bladon**
- 6. Elene Bladon**
- 7. William Chrysler**
- 8. Doug Clifford**
- 9. Romeo Daley**
- 10. Russ Falshaw**
- 11. Ivan Ferrier**
- 12. Claude Gaudet**
- 13. Ken Griffith**
- 14 .Bud Keeton**
- 15. Ron Kirk**
- 16. Herb Lalonde**
- 17. Carsten Mackay**
- 18. John McGillip**
- 19. James Morris**
- 20. Fred Morse**
- 21. Herb Morton**

**22. John Myerstein**

**23. James Robson**

**24. Peter Patry**

**25. Jack Smith**

**26. Don Suddon**

**27. Dan Ward**

**28. Ron Zabrok**

### **WWII Veterans and service personnel**

**1. Sybil McM cure**

**2. Shirley Zabrok**

### **Family members of Deceased Korean War Veterans**

**Yvonne Capstick, Widow of Korean War Veteran Earnie Capstick**

**Nanci and Dave Mair, Family Members of Korean War Veteran**

**Deborah and Phil Wright, Family Members of Korean War Veteran**

## **Korean Community, Volunteers and Performers**

1. Rev. Yu Rak Kim

2. Maria Moon Hae Lee

3. Kyusik Kim

4. Jung Hee Seh

5. Kyo Sam Lee

6. Hae Ja Lee

7. Woon Hyung Cho

8. Jong Soo Lim

9. Do Hyun Lee

10. Sooaee Woo

11. Sunny Kim

12. Ella Young Ae Lee

13. Miniji Kang

14. Yun Kang

15. Jin Kyun Kim

17. Roa Hyungung Lee

## Thank you Emails from Korean War Veterans and Guests

Dear HooJung :

Thank you so much for your kind hospitality yesterday at the Korean Veterans' Luncheon. Congratulations again for an excellent event. You and Don worked very hard to put this on and it is a fine commemoration. Well done again. It was an honour to speak at the event. Thanks also for the keepsakes you presented me with. I am sorry I had to depart early.

Best Regards from Barbara and I.

Bien cordialement,  
**J.O.Michel Maisonneuve**  
**Lieutenant-général (ret)**

Good morning HooJung and Don.

Shirley and I would like to thank you for the wonderful Veterans luncheon and event celebrations that you obviously worked so hard on organizing yesterday.

We had a lovely time attending and seeing so many familiar faces after our horrendous past year of medical problems, which I mentioned in a previous email.

We as veterans and our spouses are truly blessed to have two people such as yourselves who work tirelessly on our behalf and we look forward to supporting you as much as our tired old bodies permit in the future.

Thank you and god bless you both.

**George and Shirley Barrett.**  
**Past President unit 15 Niagara. KVA.**

HooJung and Don,

I don't know what to say. Thank you seems inadequate. The luncheon and meeting up with old friends was amazing and the lunch itself was great. I must have known close to 30% of everyone there. It was nice to meet up with LGen Maisonneuve and his wife Barbara. It's been a year since I've seen them. I had lunch with RMC friends of theirs last Tuesday. We really are a tight knit family in the military. The gifts and scroll were also very much appreciated. The scroll will be hung in my office. Thank you again and know your friendship is and will always be cherished.

**Daniel**



Hi HooJung & Don

Nice to see you both and we are always very grateful to be with you and other Veterans. You both do so much for all Veterans and we very much appreciate it.

**Romeo and Beth**

**President of KVA Unit 15, Niagara**

HooJung and Don,

I want to 'thank you' both for inviting me to yesterday's event honouring the veterans of the Korean War, and celebrating the citizens of Korean background in Canada and our surrounding area. 'Thank you' also for the card and gift certificate (which was totally unexpected)!

I thought the programme went very well. In particular, the performance by Roa Lee and her partner was excellent. And the guest speaker, Michel Maisonneuve, was exceptional; he even went from table to table thanking people for attending - I have never seen this before! Also, the Consul General, Tae-in Chung, was talking with many people, and even gave me a history lesson on the cultural backgrounds of people living in Korea.

Best wishes,

**Miles Ross,  
Ret'd Teacher**

Thank you very much for hosting your event and honoring our Korean War veterans. I was proud to take part in such a worthy cause. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in the future. Best wishes.

**Don Thompson  
Director Of Operations at Commissionaires - Hamilton  
Kitchener, Canada Area**

Good afternoon HooJung,

Many thanks to you and Don for the wonderful luncheon. We were so honoured to be there in that room of men and women veterans.

Thank you again,

**Heather Hollis  
Audience Engagement Coordinator, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra**

Thank You for today  
**Rev. Bill Thomas**

Hello HooJung and Don,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you both for inviting me to your wonderful Korean War Veterans Luncheon. It is always a pleasure and an honour for me to be with Veterans I already know and also, to meet new ones! So thank you. And thank you for what you both do for the Korea War Veterans! I really appreciate it.

Thank you and have a nice Remembrance Day.

**Allan**

Hello!

My mother and I had to leave a little bit early, but we just wanted to thank you again for inviting us to the luncheon! It was an extremely memorable and important event for both of us, and we were very honored to be there. Thank you again!

**Sunny Kim**

Hello HooJung!

Just wanted to thank you and Don for graciously inviting me to your 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon today!

I am sorry I was not able to stay longer, but I really enjoyed being there in such great company for the time I was able to be there.

It was very well done and congratulations to you both for organizing such a lovely, touching event to honour our Korean War Veterans.

Kindest regards always,  
**Kristin Courtney**

Hi All,

Thanks for your kind words. However this event was totally organized by HooJung and her husband Don Kennedy. They really spent a lot of time and hard work on this event, which culminated in a very successful luncheon. Our hats are off to them.

I have included them on this reply.

Have a great week.

**Andy Barber**  
**Secretary – KVA Unit 26 Hamilton**

HooJung & Don

Thank You so much for inviting us to the Luncheon. It is such an honor to spend time with the Veterans & you both.

I have to apologize for not thanking you and saying goodbye as we had to leave during the 2nd video for another commitment in St Catharines and did not want to interrupt you.

**MLH&R**  
**Roy & Vicky**

Thanks so much for sending these to me. I was sorry I couldn't make it but Richard really enjoyed himself and told me all about it. Wish I could have seen the Korean dancers! and it looks like Michelangelo's did you proud. The room looks wonderful!

**Thanks, as always**

**Laurie**

Thank you Hoojung Jones, The pictures are great

**Donald Sudden**

Mrs. Jones Kennedy,

What a wonderful way of celebrating an anniversary.

Congratulation to you and Unit 26.

Best regards.

**Al Martel**  
**President Unit 55**  
**Secretary-treasurer of the KVAC-Heritage Unit**

Mrs Jones,

I just wanted to tell you that I think you are one amazing person with the heart of a Saint. Thank you for all you do for the Korean War Veterans.

Respectfully,

**Keven Ellis GPCKT KCStG CH QDJM**  
**President NWRA SC**  
**Hamilton LAV III Coordinator**

Good morning HooJung – thank you so much for including me and Amber in the lovely lunch on Thursday. It was a wonderful event, very well done, and I was truly honoured to be part of such a meaningful tribute to Korean war veterans. Thank you for all the important work that you do, and for always thinking of ways to deepen your connection with McMaster. It's very much appreciated.

Warmest regards,

**Kellie**

Wow HooJung!

Thank you very much for your email and all the lovely photos!

That was a lot of work for you and you did such a wonderful job.

I was honoured to be there.

Kindest regards,

**Kristin**

HooJung & Don

You folks are amazing. It is humbling to know you.

See you when you are here.

**YIC. Dann.**

Congratulations! Hoo Jung always does such great work! Thank you for all you do!

**Traci**

Good Morning HooJung,

It was a pleasure and an honour to attend this event again this year. It is always wonderful to meet with so many incredible people with such important stories. You have worked very hard on this over many years and MPP Miller and I are very grateful to you for your efforts.

My only wish is that the next time we are able to enjoy more of the entertainment after the dinner. From the pictures, Paul and I missed a great presentation.

Thanks again. You deserve all of the accolades for your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Ladner**  
**Constituency Assistant**  
**MPP Paul Miller**

Good day. Hoo Jung.

I am so proud of what you have done.

Without sincere love and dedication, it is difficult to plan and execute the events for veterans over the years.

B/regards,

**Changbae Yoon.**

Thank you very much HooJung for sharing the video, it is very heartwarming to see the veterans marching together. Phil and I as always enjoyed ourselves. Thank you Again

Sincerely

**Deborah.**  
**DE.WRIGHT**

Dear HooJung:

It's great that you did it once again so successfully. I could tell how good the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon was by all the memorable photos. I feel the Hamilton Mountain News Article about the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon was well written.

Thank you so much for keeping me posted. My heartfelt greetings to everyone of your wonderful family!

Regards,  
**Bryan**

Hi HooJung;

Thank you again for the invitation to the Korean Veteran Appreciation Luncheon. We enjoyed it very much.

Best regards,  
Rick and Linda

A super cause and accomplishment, something to be proud of. Neat photos.  
Good Job!!!!

Hi Don.....I want to congratulate HooJung and yourself for such a wonderful presentation that you put forward for the Korean Veterans, Barbara and I enjoyed every moment of the affair and want to thank you very much for inviting us, it was the best testimonial I have ever attended.....best regards and again many thanks.....

**RUDY SAURO**

Wow!!  
That is wonderful!!  
Congratulations Hoo Jung!!  
There is a guy called "Don" that plays a big role in this accomplishment too!  
"Thanx"!

**Char & Jack**

Thank you very much for this great follow up Don! It was a beautiful Luncheon to honour our Korean War Veterans and I was honoured to be there.  
Congrats to you and HooJung for hosting such a lovely event.

Kindest regards,  
**Kristin**

Wonderful. Thank you to HooJung.  
**Alice**

Many thanks for the invitation to the Korean war luncheon on Nov. 8,2018. It was an honor To be among all those heroes, I know Ernie was there in spirit. Everything was so beautiful.

**Best wishes to you and Don**

Wonderful work in recognising the Veterans and families from the Korean War. Thank you to the both of you for the work and dedication that it takes to make such an event possible.  
Well done Don and Hoo Jung.  
Thank you for what you do.

**Ken**

## **VIP Guests**

- 1. Tae-in Chung Consul General**
- 2. Hyeon Mi Lee, Vice Consul General**
- 3. Paul Miller, MPP**
- 4. Ryan Ladner, SA**
- 5. Monique Taylor MPP**
- 6. Alex Johnston, SA David Christopherson, MP**
- 7. Brenda Johnson, Deputy Major**
- 8. Lt.General (Ret'd ) Michel Maisonneuve, Guest Speaker**
- 9. Major (Ret'd) Babara Maisonneuve**
- 10. Rev. Bill Thomas**
- 11. Jerry Clark, President Metis Council**
- 12. William Mason, Superintendent Hamilton Police Service**
- 13. Sgt. Jon Cutis, Hamilton Police Service**
- 14. Doris and Doris Muir, President of Hamilton Naval Veterans Association**
- 15. Jim and Gladys Hooton, President RCAF Wing 447**
- 16. Gerry Fraser, and Don Thompson, Commissionaire**
- 17. Amber Stuckey and Kellie Rabak, McMaster University**
- 18. Kristin Courtney, Accessibilities**
- 19. John and Linda Terrance, Pipe Major (Ret'd)**
- 20. Heather Hollis and Gerry Custeau, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra**
- 21. Donna Murakami Fujimoto, RCN**
- 22. Captain (Ret'd) Ricahrd Seager**
- 23. Captain Daniel Rodrique**



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

**Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Organizers**

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***Volunteers: Linda Terrence, Miles Ross, Soohea Woo, Do Hyun Lee, Sunny Kim***

***Performers: Pipe Major (Ret'd) John Terrence, Kin Kyun Kim and Hyunyoung (Roa) Lee***

***Reanactors: Ron Atkins, Stephen Rogers***





## **Korean War 1950 - 1953**

**26, 791 Canadians Served during the Korean War**

**UN Peace Keeping Mission 1953 -1955**

**Additional 7,000 Canadians Served**

**516 Killed, 1,558 Wounded, 21 Missing in Action**





Thank you  
Korean War Veterans