



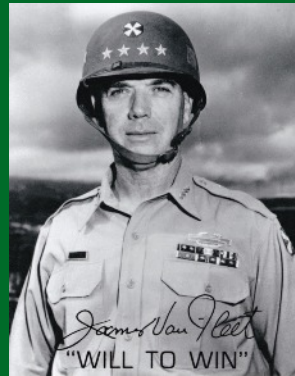
**“71st Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong”**

**April 22 (Friday), 2022 11:00 A.M.**

**Korean War Monument, Veterans Memorial Park Lakeland, Florida  
141-199 Lake Beulah Dr, Lakeland, FLORIDA, USA**

**“Complimentary Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon”  
Hibachi Buffet , 901 E Memorial Blvd, Lakeland, FLORIDA, USA**

# UN 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong

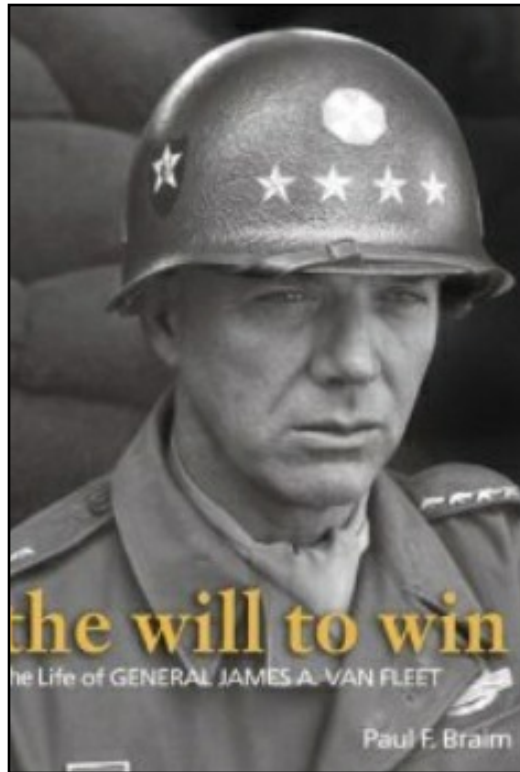


4 Star General James Van Fleet, Commander of the UN Forces during the Korean War



THANK YOU  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★



<h2 style="text-align: center;">Gen. James Van Fleet</h2> <p>About a week after President Harry Truman removed Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command in Korea in April 1951, MacArthur addressed a joint session of Congress.</p> <p>"I still remember the refrain of one of the most popular barracks ballads of that day which proclaimed most proudly that old soldiers never die; they just fade away," MacArthur said. "I now close my military career and just fade away."</p> <p><b>Polk County's contribution to American military history</b></p> <p>Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway was named to succeed MacArthur as the commander in chief of the United Nations Command, with Gen. James A. Van Fleet replacing Ridgway as commander of the Eighth Army and United Nations ground forces.</p> <p>Gen. Van Fleet, the last of those "old soldiers," died Wednesday at his ranch near Polk City at the age of 100. "I think he's the greatest man Florida ever produced," said Vince Meloy, city manager of Polk City and a friend of Van Fleet who put together a surprise birthday party for the general last</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: center;">Gen. Van Fleet <small>Joe Escurdo/The Ledger</small></p> </div>	<p>Because Van Fleet lived such a long life, most people won't remember the services he rendered to his country. Here are some of the highlights.</p> <p>Van Fleet was born in New Jersey but his family moved to Polk County when he was an infant. He was a neighbor, schoolmate and lifelong friend of another famed Bartowan, the late governor and U.S. senator Spessard Holland. After graduating from Summerlin Institute in Bartow in 1911, Van Fleet was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and graduated in 1915 with classmates Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley. Nearly eight decades later, the class remains the most famous of the academy has produced.</p> <p>Van Fleet served under Gen. John J. Pershing in search of Pancho Villa in Mexico and again under Pershing's command in France during World War I. He was commandant of cadets and head football coach at the University of Florida during the 1923 and 1924 seasons.</p> <p>When World War II began, Van Fleet served under the legendary Gen. George S. Patton. He headed the Eighth Infantry Regiment at Utah Beach and a division at the Battle of the Bulge — one of the bloodiest battles in military history. He was a major general by the time the war in Europe ended.</p> <p>In 1948, Van Fleet was sent by Truman to direct the Greek government's battle against communist insurgents. "Not a single American infantryman fired a shot," said Van Fleet in an interview. "I trained the Greek army to do it for themselves."</p> <p>When he returned to Polk County after his service in Korea in 1953, Van Fleet was given a hero's welcome in Bartow. A Ledger editorial the following day made these observations:</p> <p>"The complete simplicity of Gen. Van Fleet's manner was perhaps the most conspicuous of his personal qualities as he spoke out of his heart to the big crowd which gathered at the stadium in his old home town of Bartow yesterday afternoon to welcome him back from his heroic career.</p> <p>"It was the simplicity of true greatness."</p> <p>Or, as a subordinate officer told a reporter during the Korean War: "General Van Fleet is a foot-slogger. He's a mud soldier and a foxhole soldier." His simplicity and respect for his fellow soldiers were attributes that earned him long-lasting friendships and admiration. "I never want to command by fear," Van Fleet once said. "I never want to be accused of abuse of power. Power is given to you to exercise in a kindly way."</p> <p>Van Fleet knew the horrors of war from personal experience. He was wounded once in World War I and twice in World War II. His son, James Jr., was an Air Force pilot who was lost in action and presumed dead in Korea.</p> <p>Polk City officials hope to build a statue of Gen. Van Fleet, similar to ones in Greece and South Korea. An appropriate location would be at the beginning of the 29-mile-long Gen. James A. Van Fleet state trail, scheduled to open Oct. 3 in Polk City.</p> <p>After nearly four decades in the Army, covering campaigns ranging from the Meuse-Argonne offensive to the Normandy landings, another old soldier — one of immense distinction — has faded away. He deserves to be remembered.</p>
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4 Star General James Van Fleet served in the WWI, WWII and Korean War.

He said "I never want to be accused of abuse of power. Power is given to you to exercise in a kindly way" He is a Polk County, Florida hero and a great General that led the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong to a triumphant UN forces victory. We will remember him.

# 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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# 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.

# 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

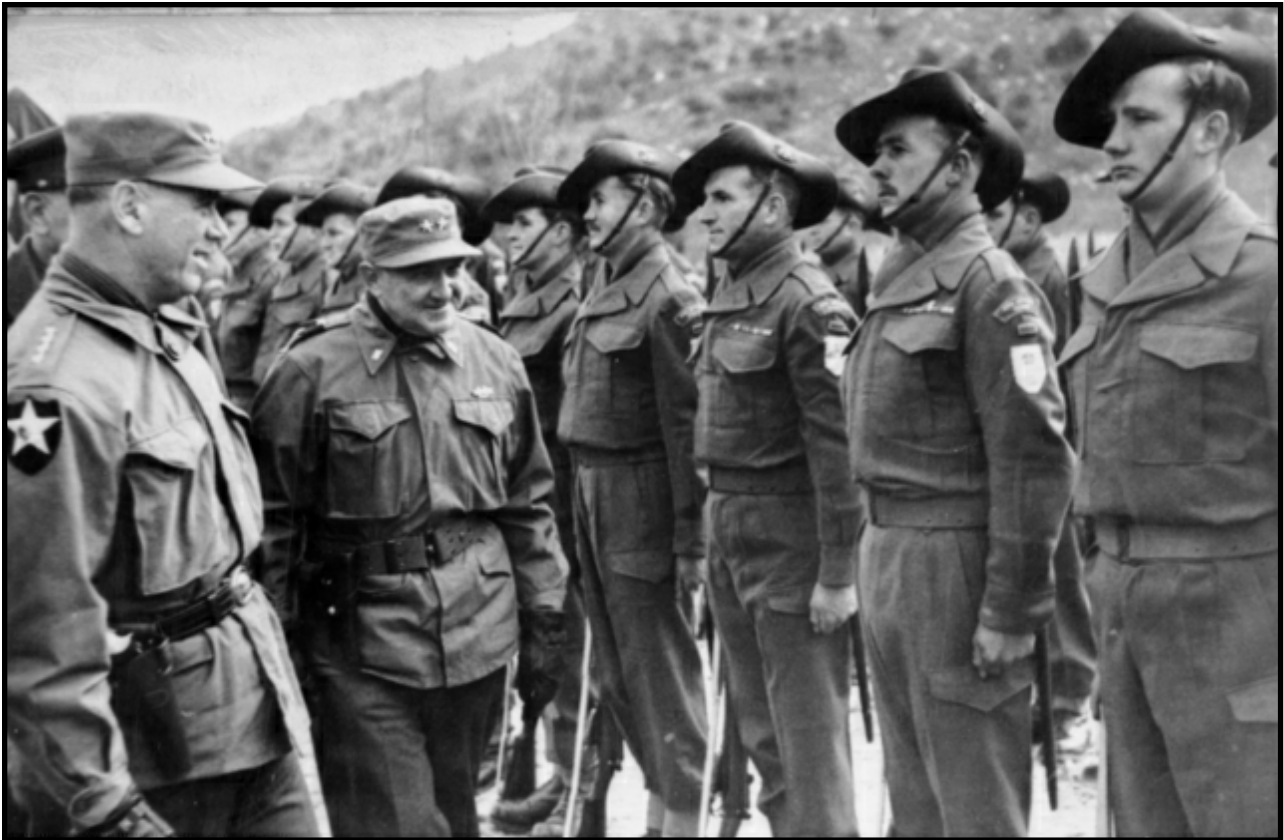


Photo: Australia War Memorial

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”.

## 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**



## American Sherman Tank M4 in Korea







**IN MEMORY OF**  
**2LT Peter Paul Di Martino**



He served with A Company, 72<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Tank Battalion  
Killed in Action April 24, 1951 at the Battle of Kapyong

**SILVER STAR**



**NORWICH**  
UNIVERSITY



**IN MEMORY OF  
PVT Paul Albaugh**



**He served with A Company, 72<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Tank Battalion  
Killed in Action April 24, 1951 at the Battle of Kapyong**





**IN MEMORY OF  
PFC Alban Chmielewski**



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Killed in Action April 24, 1951 at the Battle of Kapyong**





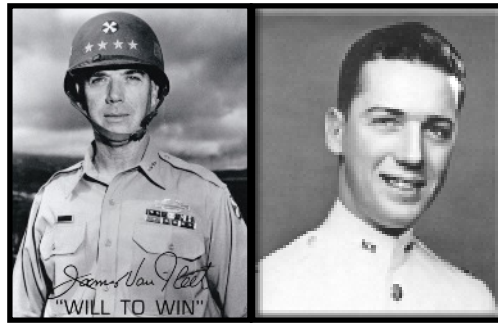
**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Capt. James Van Fleet Jr**



He served with the United States Air Force  
Missing in Action on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1952



## 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-



Ambassador for Peace Medals for 3 fallen Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong soldiers and James Van Fleet, JR were presented by Consul General Young Jun Kim on April 23, 2021



Let to Right: Consul General Young Jun Kim (Atlanta), Joseph McChristian JR, a grandson of General James Van Fleet and nephew of James Van Fleet Jr and HooJung Jones Kennedy, co-chair of “UN 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong” April 23, 2021



VFW Post 4289 Winter Haven Honour Guard and the various wreaths at the ceremony

April 23, 2021





Consul General Young Jun Kim with the member of National Unification Advisory Council, Miami Chapter, HooJung Jones Kennedy and president of Tampa Bay Korean Association.



Left and Right: Alice Blachley and Frank Blachley, a Korean War Veteran with other guests.



“Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon’ at the VFW 4289 Winter Haven. April 23, 2021



Lakeland Veterans Memorial Park, Lakeland, Florida



Left to Right: Frank Anderson, a Korean War Veteran. Four of his classmates were killed during the Korean War and one was wounded. Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy past deputy commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Light Infantry and co-chair of the "Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong Commemoration Committee". They are members of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159 Sunshine State.



Left to Right: Frank and Bobbie Anderson, Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy  
Members of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159, Sunshine State



Left To Right: Frank Anderson and HooJug Jones Kennedy at the Korean War Memorial.



HooJung Jones Kennedy at the Lakeland Veterans Memorial. The Republic of Korean wreath is handmade by her and she dyed each flower to reflect the colours of Korean flag.



Left to Right: Frank and Bobbie Anderson (her brother was a wounded Korean War Veteran) at the Lakeland Veterans Memorial Park.





Left to Right: Frank and Bobbie Anderson at the Medal of Honour Memorial.

# CANADIANS OUR HEROES

캐나다 참전용사 우리영웅들



1950 - 1953 KOREAN WAR 6.25 한국전쟁  
HOOJUNG JONES, TOM SOMERS, 후준琼斯, 탐 소머스



Thank You

Our Canadian Heroes



Korean War

1950 - 1953

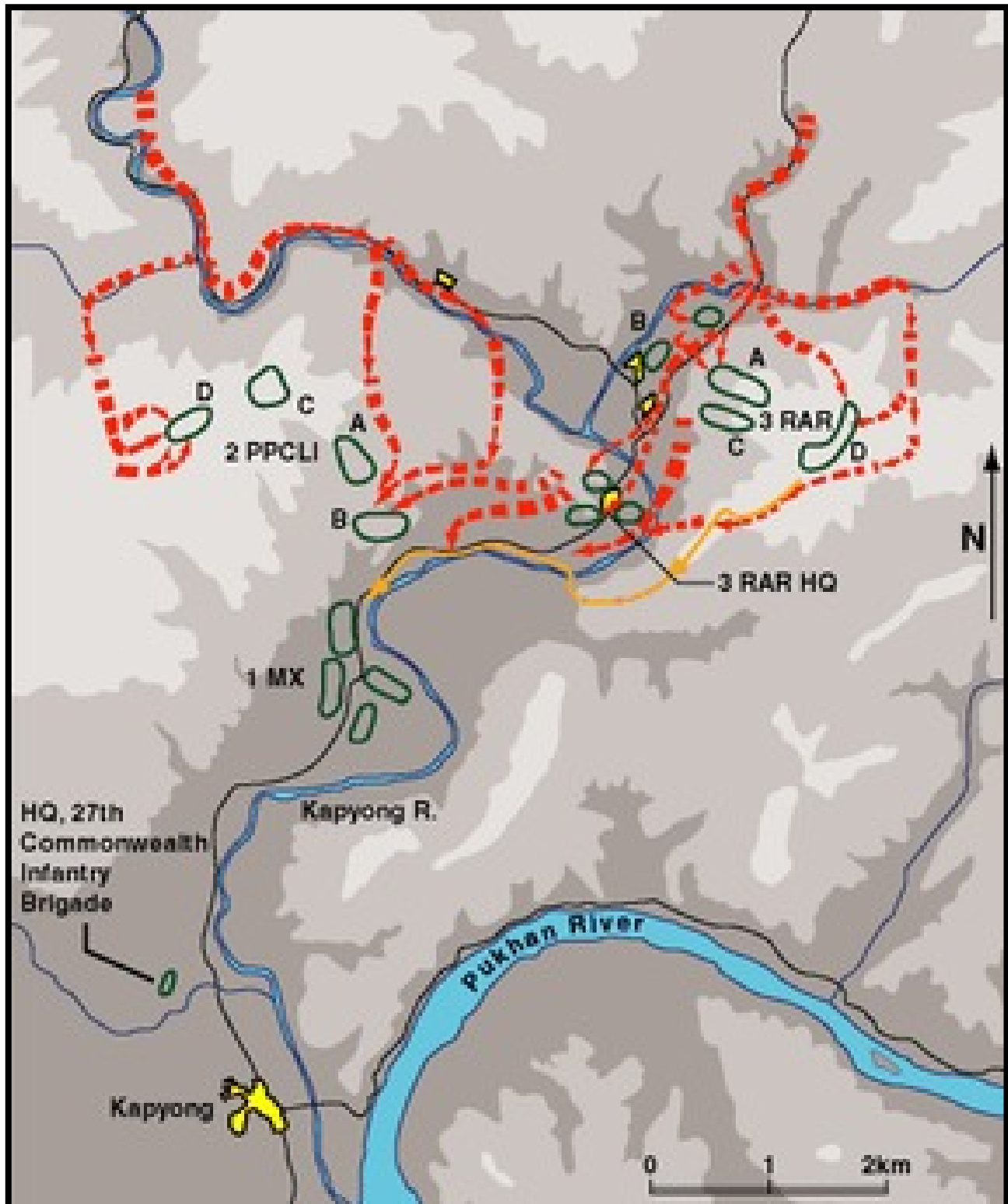
26,791 served

UN Peace Keeping Mission

1953 - 1955

Additional 7,000 served

516 Killed 1,558 Wounded, 21 Missing in Action, 32 POW



## Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong Battle Map

27<sup>th</sup> British Commonwealth Brigade

# 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



## Fallen 2PPCLI Soldiers

(Out of 10 fallen soldiers, we have found 2 photos and 1 painting at the PPCLI website)



Private Walter John Marshall



Private Joseph Marchel Leo Lessard



Private Thomas Barry Wooton



**Korean War Veterans National Wall of Remembrance**



Left to Right: Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy Romeo Daley, Korean War Veteran, Brigadier General (Ret'd) Vince Kennedy, Hon. Colonel of the Prince Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Ron Zabrook, US WWII and Korean War Veteran at the Korean War National Wall of Remembrance on July 27, 2021.



Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lt. Governor of Ontario, Canada attended the July 27<sup>th</sup> Korean War Veterans Day ceremony and the "Gapyeong Battle Monument" unveiling ceremony.



Left to Right: 2PPCLI Soldiers- Private Morris Piche and LCpl. William J Chrysler near Kapyong Valley.  
William J Chrysler was born in Hamilton, Ontario and he now lives in Niagara region in Ontario.

Photo Credit: Imperial Museum.



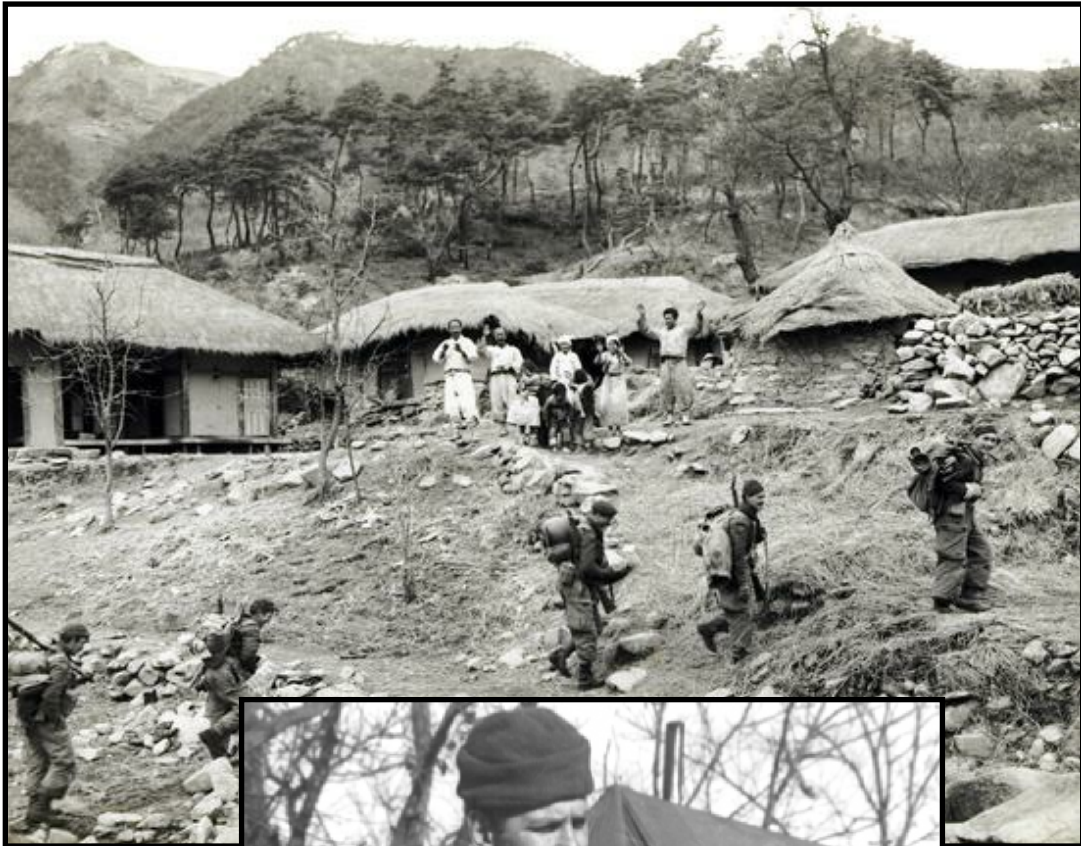


Right to Left: 2 PPCLI Soldiers -Ken Gawthorn and his comrade celebrating his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ken Gawthorn also served with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada in WWII.

He received the French Legion of Honour Medal and Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada commendation. It was my pleasure to provide this photo for the Hamilton Veterans Park (Eternal Veterans photos) thus, he will be remembered for many generations.

## 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>

# 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**



“Battle of Gapyeong (previously known as Kapyong) Monument” was erected on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 near the Korean War Veterans National Wall of Remembrance at the Meadowvale Cemetery, Brampton, Ontario Canada.



Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong Monument donated by City of Gapyeong (nearly 6 tons) has Korean and Canadian flags and 3 Bronze plaques ( Names of 10 fallen 2PPCLI, Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong History, Names of major donors).

“We Will Remember Them Forever”



Hon. Yonah Martin Senator is the Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of Canada and she introduced Bill 213-C recognizing July 27<sup>th</sup> as the “Korean War Veterans Day” in 2016.



Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lt. Governor of Ontario, Hon. Yonah Martin Senator, Consul General (Toronto) Deuck Kim, Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister with William J Chrysler, a battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong Veteran with other Korean War Veterans.





Left to Right: Col. Keun Sik Moon, Defence Attaché (Korean Embassy in Canada) and HooJung Jones Kennedy, Monument Project Director of the Battle of Gapyeong (previously known as Kapyong) Monument Committee of Canada.

With our dedicated committee members (Peter Song, President of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Eastern Chapter, Hong chin Chang, Vice President, Min Hoo Lee, General Secretary), it was our pleasure to design the monument and raise the funds from Canadian and Korean government and Korean community. Gapyeong Battle Monuments also were erected in Langley, BC and Winnipeg, MB in 2019. The Brampton, Ontario monument was erected on July 27, 2021 to honour and remember the fallen soldiers. Our committee (including Jinwoong Kim, President and Dave Lee, Vice President of the Niagara Korean Association) will erect the “Korean War Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument” at Fairview Cemetery in Niagara Falls, Ontario on June 16<sup>th</sup>. 2022



THURSDAY  
JUNE 16  
11 O'CLOCK

2022

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY  
4501 STANLEY AVE  
NIAGARA FALLS



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE UNVEIL

*the*

KOREAN WAR  
BATTLE OF  
GAPYEONG

# VICTORY MONUMENT



Kindly RSVP by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to  
HooJung Jones Kennedy, Monument Project Director at:  
[hjjones@bell.net](mailto:hjjones@bell.net) or by telephone 905.769.0486

A parking map is attached. Overflow parking is available at Oakes Park, 5700 Morrison Street  
only a short walk away. We hope you can join us!

Mayor Jim Diodati  
City of Niagara Falls

**Thank you very much for all your support to honour and remember over 58,000 fallen UN soldiers and the fallen heroes of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong.**

**We Will Remember Them.**



**Co-Chairs of “UN Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong Commemoration Committee”**

**KWVA Chapter 159, Korea War Veterans of Canada Unit 26, The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144**

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



## **Co-Founders of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada**

HooJung Jones Kennedy (former Presidential Advisor) and Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy

This Non-Profit Organization is to preserve the legacy of Korean War Veterans with the families members of Korean War Veterans and other advocates by collaborating with the Korean and Canadian governments, Veterans Affairs Canada, various branches of The Royal Canadian Legion, other Veterans organizations and Korean-Canadian community. We Will Remember Them.



## **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**



*Thank you Korean War heroes*



**THEY GAVE THEIR TOMORROWS  
FOR OUR TODAYS**