



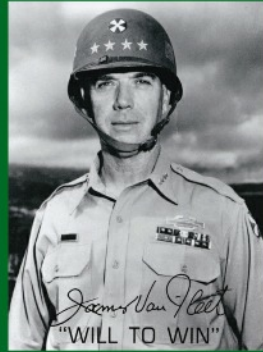
## **“United Nations 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong”**

**April 21 (Friday), 2023, 11:00 A.M. at the Korean War Monument  
Frank c. Gardner & Veterans Memorial (238 Main St. East), Lake Alfred, Florida**

**In partnership with  
Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada  
KWVA Chapter 159, Sunshine State**

**R.S.V.P. to HooJung Jones Kennedy & Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy event co-chairs  
by April 15, Tel: 863.215-7807 or email [hjjones@bell.net](mailto:hjjones@bell.net)**

UN 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong



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



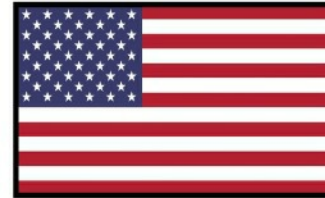
THANK YOU  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★



# 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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## **“United Nations 72nd 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

### **National Anthems**

American National Anthem, Canadian National Anthem, Korean National Anthem

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

#### **Introduction of Guests:**

HooJung Jones Kennedy, Event Co-Chair, KWVA Chapter 159 Sunshine State,  
Former Presidential Advisor of the Republic of Korea, National Unification Advisory Council,  
President of Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

#### **Remarks:**

- Jack Dearmin, Mayor of the City of Lake Alfred
- Greeting Letter of Hon. Senator Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of Opposite Party
- Byron Hamilton , District Commander, VFW 4240 Winter Haven

**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**

**Taps/ Last Post :** Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy

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

#### **“Korean War Commemorative Medallion” Presentation to:**

John Goodman, US Army, Korean War Veteran  
Frank Anderson, US Army, Korean War Veteran

#### **Laying of Wreaths:**

**Closing Prayer:** Abel Santos, Chaplain- American Legion Post 72 Mulberry

**Closing Remarks:** M.C. Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Event Co-Chair

**“Veterans Appreciation Luncheon for Korean War Veterans and invited guests”**  
at the American Legion Post 8 Winter Haven 12:30 P.M.

#### **Sponsored by:**

HooJung Jones Kennedy and Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Co-Chairs  
Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

SENATE  
The Honourable Yonah Martin



SÉNAT  
L'honorable Yonah Martin

April 23



### A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I am honoured to extend my warmest greetings to all those in attendance at the United Nations 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong” ceremony. Canadians and Americans proudly served with their UN allies during the historic Battle of Kapyong. They stood tall in the face of enemy attacks and bravely held the line at all cost. The heroic efforts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade (United Kingdom) which included the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Princess Patricia’s Light Infantry, the Republic of Korea’s 6<sup>th</sup> Division and the United States 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regimental will never be forgotten.

As we continue to commemorate the milestone 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War years June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, we honour the courage and sacrifice of all those who fought in the Korean War and vow to carry their torch.

I would like to commend Hon. James Kennedy and Major Don Kennedy (Ret.) Co-Chairs of the United Nations 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong ceremony for their steadfast leadership and dedication in supporting veterans and honouring the Korean War. They truly are champions for all Korean War Veterans in Canada and the United States.

Beloved veterans, without you, Korea would not be the prosperous country it is today. We honour you and thank you for your selfless service and bravery. You have and will always be our inspiration.

We remember today and always, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and never returned home. We remember those who returned home forever changed and carry with them always their battle scars.

We will remember them.

Sincerely,

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

The Honourable Yonah Martin

# **“United States Presidential Citation” Awarded to**



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

**2PPCLI, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion**

**3 RAR, Royal Australian Regiment 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion**

**for the extraordinary bravery during the “Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong”**



**2PPCLI Soldiers: Morris Piche with L/Cpl. William J. Chrysler**

Photo Credit: Imperial Museum



**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**



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**  
**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**



# **Fallen Soldiers of the Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong)**



**“United States Presidential Unit Citation” Awarded to  
The Canadian Army that fought under the 27<sup>th</sup> British Commonwealth Brigade**

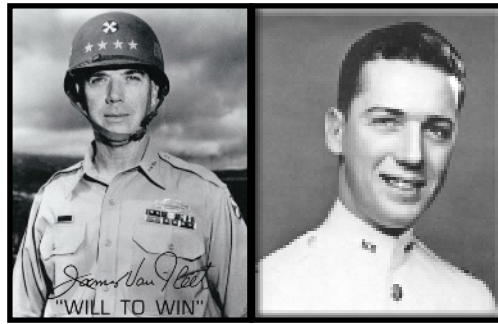


## **Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2nd Battalion**

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



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



### 4 Star General James Van Fleet Sr, and his son Lt. James Van Fleet Jr (MIA)

During the Korean War, there were three Generals (General Douglas MacArthur, General Matthew Ridgeway and General James A. Van Fleet) who commanded the UN Forces. Three great Generals helped to save the Republic of Korea and secured Freedom and Peace. 4 Star General James Van Fleet's brilliant strategy and his "Will to Win" determination led the UN forces to the "Victory" at the "Battle of Kapyong (now known as Gapyeong)". It helped to save "Seoul" the capital City of the Republic of Korea and saved many innocent lives. General James 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". Later, the "Distinguished Unit Citation" was changed to the **"United States Presidential Unit Citation"**.

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

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

General James Van Fleet's son, Lt. James Van Fleet JR was missing in action with his crew during the Korean War while he was flying B-26 bomber called "Night Intruder" near Haeju, North Korea during a mission on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1952. His remains were never found and now he is presumed dead. Some speculation was 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 when he was an infant. His son James was born in Auburndale, Polk County 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 his ranch, Polk County, Florida.

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.

***"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"*** (his words before he left Korea in 1953)

-Written by HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Event Chair

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**Left to Right: Keun Sik Moon, Defence Attaché, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Monument Project Director (Grants).**

**10 ton “Korean War Gapyeong Battle Monument” was erected at Brampton, Ontario Canada on July 27, 2021**



**10 ton “Korean War Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument” was erected at Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada on June 16, 2022.**

**Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Mayor Jim Diodati, Mayor Sung Ki Kim, Co-Chairs, Peter Song, Jin Woong Kim, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Monument Project Director (Government Grants), Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy with the Korean War Veterans (Battle of Kapyong/Gapyeong).**





## **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**