"70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice"

Legacy of Korean War Veterans

& Reception



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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26

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This year, we will be commemorating the "70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and 60th Anniversary of Canada-Korea Diplomatic Relations". Our new website www.koreanwarveteransadvocates.com has been developed to carry the torch of KVA (Korea Veterans Association of Canada) to honour and remember Korean War Veterans as we preserve their legacy for the next generations. Our archive collection of over 20,000 rare Korean War photos, that Korean War Veterans took themselves during the Korean War, is a valuable time keeper as we can visualize the condition that they have faced.

We are very pleased to organize the "70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice - Legacy of the Korean War Veterans", Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation, Korean War Photo Exhibition and Reception at the one of the most beautiful Legions in Canada, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26. Col. Moore, facing the Rocky Mountains in Banff, Alberta.

It is our honour to help present 3 Ambassador for Peace Medals to Korean War Veterans. Mr. James Albert Santa Lucia served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and he is a Life Member of the RCL Br. 26 and Mr. David Marsh served with the Royal Canadian Navy on HMCS SIOUX and Mr. William Ezra Robert Waddell served with the 3 Field Ambulance (deceased).

26,791 Canadians served during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953) and an additional 7,000 served during the UN Peace Keeping Mission. We will remember our heroes, the brave 516 fallen Canadians who helped to save many innocent lives including my parents.

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

Co-Chairs of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

"Ambassador for Peace Medal"



Embassy of the Republic of Korea seeks Korean War veterans to honour with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. Are there any Korean War Veterans out there?

If you served in Korean War, you may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to Canadian service men and women who served in the Korean War. The Ambassador for Peace Medal was to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to South Korea through the "Revisit Program". The honour has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel the long journey to Korea.

Criteria:

- 1. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25,1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.
- 2. The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving in Canada. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendant (one medal per veteran) may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.

Please email: defenceaide@mofa.go.kr



"Ambassador for Peace Medal"

As Hon. Members of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton, members of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 159, Sunshine State, members of Royal Canadian Legion Br. 163 Hamilton, the Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, Florida, members of Halton Naval Veterans Association and members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Wing 447, we are very honoured to help present over 220 Ambassador for Peace Medals from the Korean government to Korean War Veterans and their family members in Canada and U.S. working with the Korean Embassies and Consulate Generals offices, various Royal Canadian Legions, American Legions and Veterans of Foreign War. Thank you very much for your support.

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



PRIME MINISTER . PREMIER MINISTRE

July 9, 2023

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Republic of Korea.



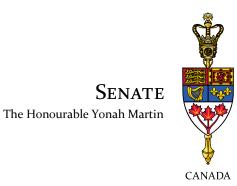
Today's event provides an opportunity to reflect upon the important role Canada played in providing combat support to the United Nations campaign during the Korean War. More than 26,000 Canadians served on land, at sea, and in the air during this bitter conflict, and another 7,000 served as peacekeepers after the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953. For six decades, Canada and the Republic of Korea have enjoyed a close relationship, strengthened by a community of more 200,000 Canadians of Korean origin who make significant contributions to our nation in all fields of endeavour.

I am privileged to be able to pay tribute to our Korean War Veterans for protecting the values we hold dear. We must never forget those who fought and sacrificed so much in defence of peace, freedom and democracy. 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.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

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





July 2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I am honoured to extend my warmest greetings to all of the veterans, families, dignitaries, members of the Canadian Armed forces and members of the community in attendance at the historic 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice-Legacy of Korean War Veterans ceremony in beautiful Banff, Alberta.

The deep-rooted friendship between Canada and Korea, which began with Canadian missionaries like Dr. Frank Schofield, deepened in 1950 when Canadians fought shoulder to shoulder with Koreans to protect Korea from communist tyranny.

2023 is a historic year that marks the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, as well as the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea. We will never forget the fallen who are buried in the United Nations Cemetery in Busan, Korea, and we will ensure that the legacy of all those who fought in the Korean War is remembered. We will commemorate every battle, conflict and peacekeeping mission.

I would like to commend HooJung Jones Kennedy, President of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada, a true champion for Korean War veterans, and The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26, Col. Moore for their tireless work that has made this ceremony possible.

Veterans, you are our heroes and our inspiration, now and always. You have done your part; it is now our turn to carry the torch and ensure that your legacy is never forgotten.

We will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons deux.

우리는 그들을 기억할 것입니다.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Yonah Martin
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate



2023년은 한-캐 수교 60주년이자 한국전쟁 정전 70주년이 되는 해입니다. 이에 캐나다의 많은 한국전 참전용사들과 그 가족들에게 특별히 깊은 감사와 존경을 전합니다.

루이 생 로랑 총리가 캐나다의 한국전 참전을 결정하였을때 캐나다의 젊은이들은 국가의 부름에 기꺼이 응했습니다. 자유민주주의를 지키겠다는 이들의 자발적 결의가 있었기에 압도적인 숫자의 중공군을 격퇴하고 가평전투에서 승리할 수 있었습니다.

국가를 위해 헌신하신 선열들을 후손들이 기리고 기억할 때 그나라는 더욱 더 위대하게 됩니다. 그간 한국전 참전용사들을 기리기 위해 힘써 오신 캐나다 한국전 참전용사 후원회와 캐나다재향군인회 26 밴프 지회에 감사의 말씀을 드립니다. 특히 캐나다 최초의 국립공원이자 한국인들의 꿈의 여행지인 밴프에서 이루어지는 행사라 더 뜻 깊습니다.

이 자리를 빌어 평화의 사도 메달 수상자 여러분께 축하의 말씀을 드립니다. 여러분의 명예를 영원히 기억하고 소중히 기릴 것입니다.

대한민국 정부와 국민은 캐나다 영웅들을 영원히 기억할 것입니다.

주 캐나다 대한민국 대사 임웅순

2023 marks the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Korea and Canada and the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. As such, I wish to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the many Canadian Veterans of the Korean War and their families.

When Prime Minister Louis Saint Laurent decided to send Canadian troops to the Korean War, Canada's brave young men answered their country's call. Even though they were hugely outnumbered by the Chinese forces, they were able to defeat them because of their strong will to defend freedom and democracy.

A great country is made by great people, and those who remember them make it greater. I would like to thank the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26 for their commitment to honouring Canada's Korean War Veterans here in Banff, Canada's first National Park and a dream destination among Korean tourists.

To the recipients of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal, I congratulate you on this solemn occasion. This honour will forever be recognized and cherished.

The Republic of Korea and its people are forever grateful. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Woongsoon Lim

Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Canada





On the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, we mourn the loss of every life given in protection of freedom.

Of the more than 26,000 Canadians who served alongside United Nations forces in defence of South Korea against invasion, 516 laid down their lives over three years in this war, which included pivotal battles such as those at Kapyong, and Hill 355.

The Korean War was an important milestone in Canada's military history, after which some 7,000 Canadian troops continued to contribute their service in a vital peace support role before final departures in 1957.

Thank you to the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26 for their reception to recognize the anniversary of the Armistice and to honour the legacy of Korean War Veterans.

It is efforts such as these which will ensure we pass along this important tradition of Remembrance to the next generation.

Lest we forget.

Blake Richards, MP Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs

ORDER OF SERVICE

Marching in of the Colours (The RCL Br. 26), Veterans, Dignitaries

Welcome - HooJung Jones Kennedy, M.C. Event Co-Chair

President of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada

Welcome Remarks - Bryan Gerrie, President of the RCL Br. 26 Col. Moore

"O Canada" - Wonkyoung Jang

"Korean National Anthem" - Rebecca Jeon

Remarks:

- Hon. Yonah Martin, Senator, Deputy Leader of Opposition Party
- His Excellency, Lim Woong Soon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea
- Blake Richards, MP, Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs

Act of Remembrance - Dann Oliver, Commander, The RCL Post 144 Pinellas County Act of Remembrance (Korean) - Colonel Lee Dong Won, Defence Attaché

Last Post - Trumpet

Moment of Silence

Lament - Bagpipe

Reveille - Trumpet

"Ambassador for Peace Medal" Presentation

His Excellency, Lim Woong Soon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

- James Albert Santa Lucia, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26 Col. Moore
- David Marsh, Royal Canadian Navy, HMCS Sioux
- William Ezra Robert Waddell, 3 Field Ambulance June Greig, daughter -Vice President of Royal Canadian Naval Association

Introduction of speakers by Dann Oliver

Hon. Yonah Martin -Bill 213-C "Korean War Veterans Day" HooJung Jones Kennedy -"Legacy of Korean War Veterans"

Videos: "Canadians Our Heroes", "Thank you Korean War Veterans", "Last Ship"

Reception and Entertainment, Gift Presentation

Thank you Remarks by HooJung Jones Kennedy and Bryan Gerrie



"70주년 한국전 정전 기념 - 한국전 참전용사들의 업적"

프로그램

로얄 케네디언 리젼 지구 26 컬러파티 행진 - 캐나다 한국전 참전용사 및 귀빈

환영 인사 - 후정 존스 케네디, 기념 행사 공동 위원장, 캐나다 한국전 참전용사 후원회 회장 브라이언 제리. 로얄 케네디언 리젼 지구 26 회장

오 캐나다 제창 - 장원경

애국가 제창 - 전상미

축사:

- 연아 마틴 상원의원
- 임웅순 대사
- 블레이크 리챠드, 연방하원의원 및 그림자 내각 보훈부 장관

"리벰버런스 시" (영어), 덴 올리버, 로얄 케네디언리젼 지구 144 피넬레스 카운티, 풀로리다 "리벰버런스 시" (한국어), 이동원 대령, 국방무관

라스트 포스트 - 트럼펫 묵념 라멘트- 백파이프 레벨리 - 트럼펫

"평화사도 메달 " 수여식

임웅순 대사 및 이동원 대령 국방무관 증정

- 제임스 산타 루시아. 한국전시 캐나디언 패트리시아 공주 보병연대 소속으로 참전
- 데이비드 마쉬, 한국전시 캐나다 해군 수전함 소속으로 참전
- (고) 윌리엄 에자 로버트 워델, 한국전시 3 필드 엠블런스 소속으로 참전 주운 그레그, 캐나다 해군 베터랑회 부회장 따님 수여

연설자 소개 - 덴 올리버

- 연아마틴 상원의원 Bill 213-C "한국전 참전용사의 날" 법 개정
- 후정 존스 케네디, 캐나다 한국전 참전용사 후원회 회장 "한국전 참전용사들의 업적"

비디오 상영 "캐나다 한국전 참전용사 우리 영웅들" "한국전 참전용사꼐 감사" "마지막 배" 리셉션 및, 백파이프 공연, 선물 증정

감사 인사 - 후정 존스 케네디, 브라이언 제리











Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy laying the wreath at the Busan UN Cemetery in Korea on June 24, 2014.



At the Busan UN Cemetery, there are 378 fallen Canadians buried including Private Arlen Lewis. He was from Hamilton, Ontario and he served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2nd Battalion. Private Arlen Lewis was one of the first fallen soldiers during the Korean War.



"Operation Hawk"

To fly high and far over the land that they've never been to To fight fiercely and win for the people who they've never known 426 Squadron transported troops and cargo with RCAF North Star planes The brave 22 RCAF Airmen who fought beside the USAF with F-86 Sabre Fighter jets 40 RCAF Air nurses cared for the many wounded by their side as they returned home "Operation Hawk" was the code name of the Korean War Airlift. Raising from the ashes and ruins of War a free Korea is reaching for the stars Saluting unsung heroes who came from thousands of miles away.

By HooJung Jones Kennedy

RCAFA 447 Wing Member



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



