

Thank You

Korean War Veterans



Appreciation Luncheon



22nd Anniversary

"Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon"

Photo Report



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

It was our pleasure to organize the "22nd Anniversary of Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon" to honour and remember Korean War Veterans on November 9th at the Royal Canadian Airforce Association 447 Wing in Mount Hope, Ontario. This year, we commemorated the "70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice" and the "60th Anniversary of Canada and Korea Diplomatic Relations". Over 100 invited guests attended the event including Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Donna Skelly, MPP, Frank Bergon, Chief of Hamilton Police, Ryan Diodati, Deputy Police Chief, WWII and Korean War Veterans, other Canadian Veterans and their family members.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent his personal greeting letter stating that *"This annual event honours Canadian Veterans who fought during the Korean War. With this year marking the "70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Republic of Korea, this event also provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the many contributions that generations of Canadians of Korean origin have made to our country".*

26,791 Canadian served during the Korea Korean War (June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953) and an additional 7,000 served during the UN Peace Keeping Mission (1953-1955). 516 died, 1,558 wounded. 16 United Nations forces fought during the Korean War.

Consul Deuk Hwan Kim presented the "Ambassador for Peace Medal" to Corporal (Ret'd) Euclide Edward Laporte who served with the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) 3rd Battalion and Able Seaman (Ret'd) Henry Stanley Barnes who served with the Royal Canadian Navy HMCS Haida. Since he is deceased his son Stanley Barnes who also served with the Royal Canadian Navy for 15 years received the Ambassador for Peace Medal on behalf of his father.

The "Act of Remembrance" was recited by Romeo Daley, past President of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 15, Niagara Falls. "Last Post" and "Reveille" were played by David Baldry. "Lament" was played by Mike Cuffe, a Bagpiper and Chairman of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing.

Sofia Spilberg, a very talented Violin Artist played various songs, Paula Ann Simon, played her Flute, Sunja Lee sang "You Raised Me Up" and Korean folk song "Arirang". Bok Sil Shin sang various songs and Mike Cuffe played "Amazing Grace" with his bagpipes. Everyone enjoyed the delicious luncheon and entertainment.

We will remember the brave fallen 516 Canadians.



Mike Cuffe, President of Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing playing as Korean War Veterans marching in.



Left to Right: Korean War Veterans Ron Zabrok (WWII and Korean War, 98 years old), George Chares, Romeo Daley, Peter Patry, Bud Keeton.



Korean War Veterans Peter Patry, Bud Keeton, George Barnett, Ed Laporte.



Consul Deuk Hwan Kim with Korean War Veterans.



SunJa Lee singing O Canada and Korean National Anthem.



Consul General Deuck Hwan Kim delivering his heart-felt speech thanking Korean War Veterans as we commemorate the “70th Anniversary of Korean War Armistice”.



Donna Skelly, MPP delivering her heart-felt speech thanking Korean War Veterans and other Canadian Veterans.



Lt. Col (Ret'd) Dr. Robin Hesler remembering 516 Canadians during the Korean War.



Dave Baldry playing “Last Post” with his trumpet.



Romeo Daley, Past President of Korea Veterans Association of Canada reciting “Act of Remembrance”.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim presenting “Ambassador for Peace Medal” to Ed Larorte who served with the Royal Canadian Regiment 3rd Battalion during the Korean War.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim presenting the “Ambassador for Peace Medal” to Stand Barnes on behalf of his deceased father, Henry Stanely Barnes who served the Royal Canadian Navy with HMCS Haida during the Korean War.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Donna Skelly, MPP, Frank Bergon, Chief, Ryan Diodati, Deputy Chief, Jong gil Kim, Consul, Ji Ho Park, Consul.



Korean War Veterans Bill Chrysler (Kapyong/Gapyeong Veteran) and Kyoung Ja Chrysler.



Korean War Veteran Douglas (Bud) Keeton (Kapyong/Gapyeong Veteran).



Jamie Kim, Romeo Daley, Jin Kyun Kim and Kate Cruickshank, family of Kapyong /Gapyeong Veteran.



Korean War Veterans Romeo Daley, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Korean War Veteran Peter Patry.



Dr. Moosik Kim, Chairman of Universal Peace Federation Canada, Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, Sunho (Peter) Song, Past President of Korean Veterans Association of Canada, Eastern Chapter.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, HooJung Jones Kennedy, President of Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada.



Sunja Lee singing “Your Raise Me Up” and “Arirang”, Korean folk song.



Bok Sil Shin singing various songs for Korean War Veterans.



Sofia Spilburg, a talented violin artist playing various cheerful songs.



Sofia Spilburg, a talented violin artist playing “You Raised Me Up” for Korean War Veterans and other Veterans.



Paula Ann Simon, an aboriginal musician playing her flute.



Mike Cuffe, Chairman of Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing playing “Amazing Grace” with his Bagpipes.



Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, HooJung Jones Kennedy with Dr. Moonsik Kim, Chairman of UPF Canada and members of the Universal Peace Federation Canada.



Dr. Moonsik Kim, Chairman of UFP Canada, Dr. Chae Hee Lee, Past Chairman of UPF Canada HooJung Jones Kennedy, David Stewart.



HooJung Jones Kennedy, Beth Daley, Romeo Daley.



Bill Grahlman, Past President of Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing, Margaret Grahlman, HooJung Jones Kennedy, James Hooton, Past President of RCAFA 447 Wing, Sandra Well, past executive member of RCAFA 447 Wing.



Dan Muir, Past President of Royal Canadian Naval Veterans Association Hamilton, Doris Muir, HooJung Jones Kennedy.



Gunter Vurgen, VP Operation Commissionaires Hamilton, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Lynda Murdoch-Furchner, Treasurer.



Heoung Joo Ki, Consul Staff, Sunja Lee, Boksil Shin, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Heung Bok Lee.



HooJung Jones Keendy, Sunho (Peter) Song, council members of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council, Toronto Chapter.



David Stewart, Eveline Stewart, HooJung Jones Kennedy



Rob Wilson, family member of Korean War Veteran, Vice President of RCAFA 447 Wing, HooJung Jones Kennedy, a member of RCAFA 447 Wing as well.



Jin Jhang, Private 31 Signal Regiment, Harrison Shin Staff Sergeant (Ret'd) the Republic of Korea Air Force, HooJung Jones Kennedy. Jin and HooJung graduated from McMaster University and Harrison currently studying Communication at McMaster University.



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