

**Thank You**

**Korean War Veterans**



**Appreciation Luncheon**



**22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**"Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon"**

**November 9 Thursday, 2013 11:00 A.M.**

**Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing**

**3210 Homestead Dr. Mount Hope, ON**

**Organized by Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada**

**Sponsored by Consulate General of the Republic of Korea**



**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](http://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 “22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon and Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation” at the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing.**

**It is our honour to help present 2 Ambassador for Peace Medals to Korean War Veterans. Corporal. (Ret’d) Euclide Edward Laporte served with Royal Canadian Regiment 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and Able Seaman (Ret’d) Henry Stanley Barnes served with Royal Canadian Navy on HMCS HAIDA (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**



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

November 9, 2023

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 22nd Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.



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.

I would like to thank the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for organizing this luncheon. You can take pride in your commitment to honouring our Veterans and to ensuring that their stories and contributions will never be forgotten.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

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

SENATE  
The Honourable Yonah Martin



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L'honorable Yonah Martin

November 2022



**A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN**

On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I am truly honoured to extend my warmest greetings to all Veterans and their families and attendees as you mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.

This year also marks the historic 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the conclusion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War years (June 25, 2020 to July 27, 2023). Many of our veterans are now in their late 80s, 90s and some even in their 100s. They selflessly volunteered to fight for their country and protect the people of South Korea from communist tyranny.

Beloved Veterans, we honour you today and always, thank you for your selfless service and sacrifices, and we vow to never forget your legacy. We will honour every battle and conflict and teach our future generations of your bravery, service and valour.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless advocacy, leadership and dedication of HooJung Jones Kennedy, who is a true champion of our Korean War Veterans; and thank all those who helped to prepare this special 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary event. I would also like to commend the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for their support and dedication.

Beloved Veterans, best wishes for continued good health in the years ahead and thank you once again for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Y. Martin".

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



I am honoured to be here today in Hamilton, on this Veterans' Week occasion, to convey my deepest respect and gratitude to Canada's Korean War Veterans and their families. During one of the darkest chapters in Korea's history, thousands of young Canadians, full of spirit and conviction, journeyed across the Pacific, leaving behind family and friends to defend the democracy and freedom of the Korean people.

Their brave service and sacrifice changed the course of my country's history, and forged an everlasting bond between our nations. In the seventy years since the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed, Korea has emerged as a free and vibrant democracy, with one of the most advanced economies in the world, and close friend and ally to Canada. This is one of the greatest triumphs in the history of human freedom—a legacy shared by all Korean War Veterans, and which remains very much alive in our national consciousness and held dear by all Koreans.

The people of Korea are forever indebted to the thousands of Canadians, who fought valiantly and endured unimaginable hardship for the peace and freedom we enjoy today especially the 516 Canadian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice. We will never forget your courage, sacrifice, and enduring contributions to liberty, peace, and democracy. I would like to thank the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada, for organizing this Appreciation Luncheon as a small token of our gratitude.

As Remembrance Day approaches, it is an especially important time to take pause in our hurried lives to remember and honour those who sacrificed for our freedom and protection—though our love and gratitude for these heroes remain in the hearts and minds of Koreans each and every day. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done for my country. I wish everyone here today an enjoyable afternoon, and blessings for good health.

Deuk Hwan Kim, Consul General of Republic of Korea



*Lisa Hepfner*

Member of Parliament  
Hamilton Mountain

November 9, 2023

As the Member of Parliament for Hamilton Mountain, it is my great honour to bring greetings to attendees of the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, organized by the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada.

This year's commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada and Korean Diplomatic Relations highlights the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who fought in the name of freedom and democracy. I would especially like to pay tribute to the 516 Canadians who did not return home from this war as well as the many others who were wounded, both physically and emotionally.

I am incredibly grateful to the Korean War Veterans for your service, your courage and sacrifice.

*Lisa Hepfner, Member of Parliament for Hamilton Mountain*

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I extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada and Korea's Diplomatic Relations.

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, it is my privilege to recognize the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada, for their efforts in preserving the legacy of Korean War Veterans. As over 26,000 Canadians served in Korea and UN Peace Keeping Missions, and 516 Canadians made the supreme sacrifice and lost their lives in battle, we must always remember their courage and sacrifice.

I would like to thank the luncheon organizers, as well as everyone else here today. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable afternoon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Skelly".

Donna Skelly  
MPP, Flamborough-Glanbrook

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Marching in of Veterans, Dignitaries

**Welcome:** Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, HooJung Jones Kennedy Event Co-chairs

**"O Canada" and "Korean National Anthem"** by Sun Ja Lee

**Introduction of Guests:** HooJung Jones Kennedy

### Remarks

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Greeting Letter
- Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim, the Republic of Korea
- Donna Skelly, MPP

**Prayer for Fallen Veterans** Dr. Robin Hesler, Lt. Colonel (Ret'd)

Last Post - Bugle, Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

Moment of Silence

Lament - Mike Cuffe, Bagpiper, Chairman of RCAFA 447 Wing

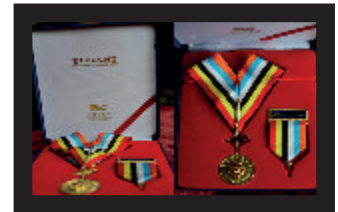
Reveille - Bugle, Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

Act of Remembrance by Romeo Daley, Past President KVA Unit 15

### "Ambassador for Peace Medal" Presentation

Presenter: Consul General Deuk Hwan Kim

- Corporal. (Ret'd) Euclide Edward Laporte - RCR 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion
- Able Seaman (Ret'd) Henry Stanley Barnes - HMCS HAIDA



**Video Presentation:** "Canadians Our Heroes" & "Thank you Korean War Veterans"

### Luncheon

### Entertainment

Violin Artist: Sofia Spilberg

Korean Singers: Sunja Lee and Bok Sil Shin

Flute Player: Paula Ann Simon

Bagpiper: Mike Cuffe

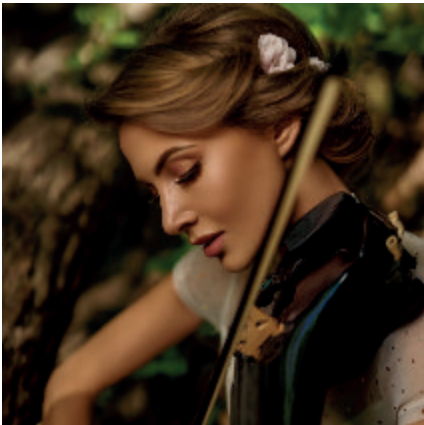
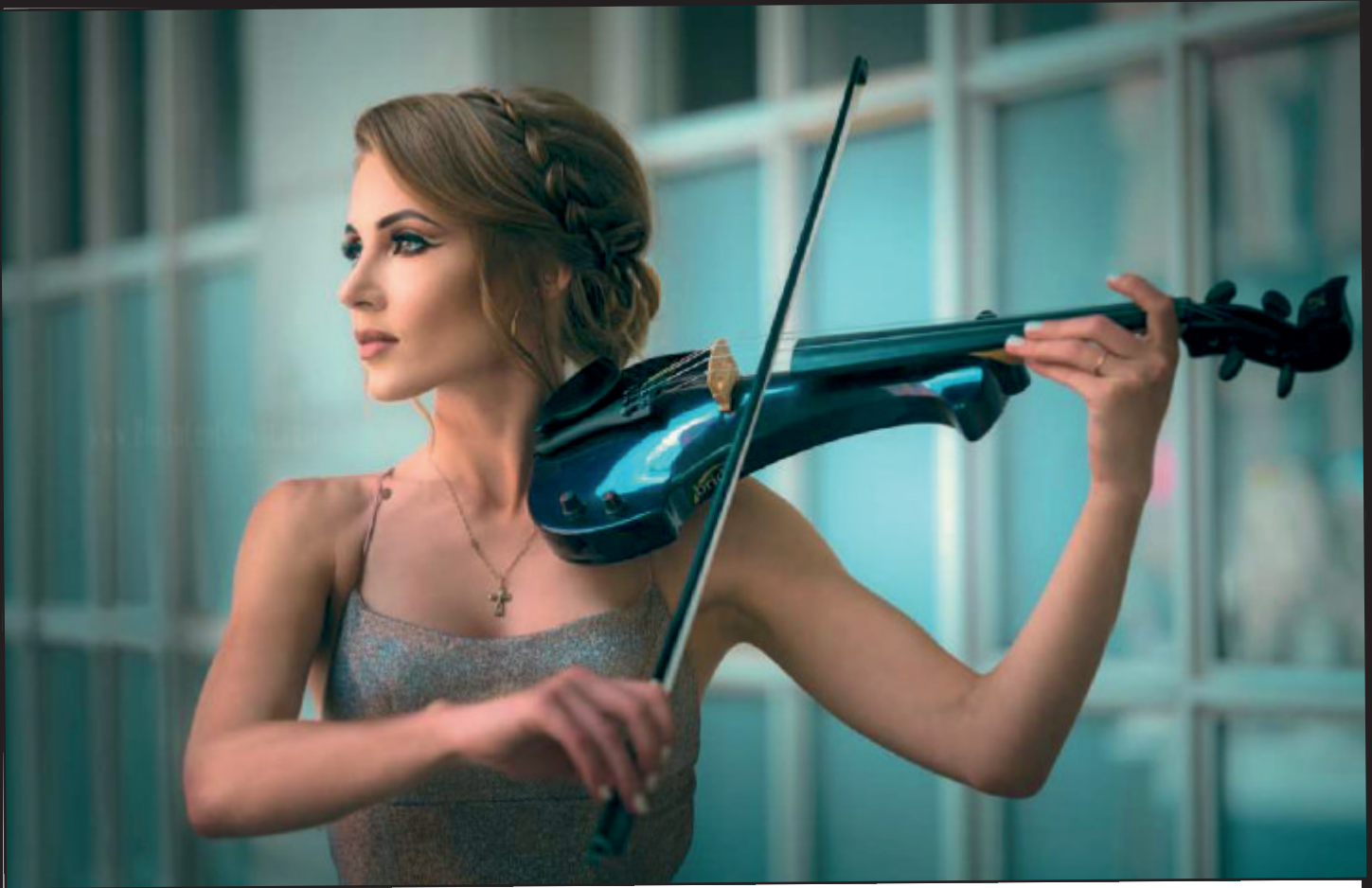
### Gifts Presentation

**Closing Remarks by M.C.**

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***Ms. Sofia Spilberg*** was born in Russia, where she fell in love with a violin at the age of five. She was inspired by violin virtuosos from all around the world. Years of studying in music and art school in Israel encouraged Sofia to learn to play music by ear without the notes sheet. She has therefore discovered an entire world of musical creativity and love for improvisation.

She is a professional violin artist from Toronto playing her own unique sets of **pop, classical, house, dance, Bollywood and fusion music**. A versatile violinist, Sofia lives with passion to perform instrumental music before an audience and to share her exceptional style with people. From perpetual classical performances to fascinating electric violin shows and DJ's live collaborations, Sofia has a wealth of knowledge. Sofia has performed on exclusive events and shows in numerous countries including Canada, UK, Germany, Russia, Israel, Italy more.

# 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**

**우리는 그들을 영원히 기억할것입니다.**



**Canadians in the Korean War 1950-1953 26,791 Fought 516 Killed 1,558 Wounded 21 MIA**



### **“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 240 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

Co-Chair of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada



## 한국-캐나다 수교 60주년

KOREA-CANADA STRONGER TOGETHER



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with President Yoon Suk Yeal, The Republic of Korea



WWII Veteran Rev. Dr. Francis Chisholm, WWII and Korean War Veteran Ron Zabrok, Korean War Veteran Romeo Daley, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Dr. Moon Sik Kim, Capt. (Ret'd) Kirk Campbell, Lisa Hepfner, MP with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



**“Thank you for giving us a future” the Korean War Poster Card is painted by  
Wongkyoung Jang**

**Youth Project Co-ordinator, Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada**

# **“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.**

**Rising 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**



