

**Thank You**

**Korean War Veterans**



**Appreciation Dinner**



**23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

**“Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner”**

**“100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCAF”**

**November 8 , 2024 5:00 P.M.**

**Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**

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

**Sponsored by Consulate General of the Republic of Korea  
Veterans Affairs Canada**



**This year, we are commemorating the “100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) at our 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Indigenous Veterans Day November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. The Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada is pleased to honour Korean War Veterans, Air Force Veterans and Aboriginal Veterans who fought for World Peace including Korea.**

**For the past 23 years, we helped to preserve their legacy for the next generations by educating youth and the general public, helped to erect 5 Korean War Monuments including “Gapyeong Battle Victory Monuments” working with Hon. Yonah Martin, Senator, City of Gapyeong, Korean Government, Veterans Affairs Canada, The RCL, Br. 26, Col. Moore, RCL Post 144 Pinellas County, RCNA, RCAFA 447 Wing, dedicated committee members and many Veterans Organizations.**

**We also presented over 260 Ambassador for Peace Medals to Korean War Veterans in Canada and the U.S. working with Korean Consulate offices and Embassies.**

**It is our honour to nominate 10 distinguished Veterans for the UPF (Universal Peace Federation, UN’s NGO) Ambassador for Peace Appreciation Medal for their contribution for Canada, Korea, UN Peace Keeping Mission and Community. 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 8, 2024

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 23rd Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner.



You have come together this evening to recognize our Korean War Veterans and to mark the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force and Aboriginal Veterans Day. This occasion offers a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to the brave heroes who have stepped forward to fight for justice and humanity with compassion, valour and nobility. In doing so, we honour their service and acknowledge our commitment to building a more peaceful world for all.

I would like to commend the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for hosting this event and for helping to preserve the legacy of our Veterans for future generations.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Justin Trudeau'.

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

SENATE  
The Honourable Yonah Martin



SÉNAT  
L'honorable Yonah Martin

November 2024



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

To all of our beloved veterans of the Korean War, today and always we honour you. Your bravery and selfless service to protect the people of South Korea will forever be remembered. As a Canadian senator of Korean descent, I vow to carry your torch and ensure that the legacy of the Korean War is never forgotten.

I would also like to acknowledge the steadfast leadership and dedication of HooJung Jones Kennedy who is a champion and advocate for our Korean War Veterans. Thank you as well to all of the volunteers who helped prepare this special 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary event. I would also like to commend the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for their dedication and efforts throughout the year.

Tonight's event also commemorates the historic 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and Indigenous Veterans Day (November 8<sup>th</sup>). For a century, The Royal Canadian Air Force has been a proud protector of Canada, defending the freedoms of all Canadians at home and abroad. To all the men and women who proudly serve in the Royal Canadian Air Force, I commend you for your leadership, courage and sacrifices made across Canada and around the world in various wars, conflicts and battles.

Indigenous Veterans Day is commemorated each year during Veterans Week, to recognize the contributions, service and sacrifices made by indigenous people during times of war. Indigenous peoples have served in times of war and peace for more than 200 years since the War of 1812, WWI, WWII, to the Korean War, Afghanistan and more. We honour their selfless sacrifice and service today and always.

We will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Yonah Martin".

The Honourable Yonah Martin





*Lisa Hepfner*  
Member of Parliament  
Hamilton Mountain



November 8, 2024

I am honoured to extend my warmest greetings to all in attendance at tonight's 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner. My sincerest thanks to the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada and to the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea for making this important event possible. Your commitment to preserving the memories and contributions of Canadian Veterans is admirable and of the utmost importance.

As we come together to honour the Canadian Veterans who bravely fought in the Korean War and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, tonight also provides us with an opportunity to honour Indigenous Veterans Day; a poignant reminder of the significant contributions made by Indigenous Veterans to our military history. These courageous soldiers served with honour and courage, often facing unique challenges and sacrifices.

Tonight, we reflect upon the bravery of our Korean War Veterans; the profound impact of Indigenous Veterans; appreciate the service of our Royal Canadian Air Force members; and acknowledge the pivotal roles that they have all made in contribution to our country. We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War and will ensure their memories live on with us.

With deepest appreciation,

Lisa Hepfner

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November 8, 2024

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner**

### **FROM THE ONTARIO MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY**

My family and I survived the Korean War. This would not be possible if Canada and the United Nations did not answer the call to defend Korea's democracy and her freedom.

As a boy I witnessed soldiers marching in the streets of Incheon. Tanks and jeeps rode through while bombs dropped on my hometown. We dug trenches to support the United Nations servicemen and women so that we could get rations for a meal.

516 Canadians paid the ultimate sacrifice. Today, because of this sacrifice I have the honour and a privilege of being the very first Korean born Minister in Ontario's history.

My experience stays with me each and every day.

I have returned to South Korea many times to visit friends, family and walk where I grew up. I am amazed at how Korea has come to be a global leader. Korea rose from ash to become the country it is today only because of you and your brothers and sisters in arms.

Those brave men and women said yes to democracy, yes to preserving peace and yes to the Korean people are the reason I am here to be able to honour you today.

On behalf of everyone who experienced that terrible war, their families and all those who served, I am forever grateful and will never be able to thank you enough.

God bless.

Sincerely,

**Raymond Cho**

Raymond Cho  
Ontario's Minister for Seniors & Accessibility



캐나다 공군(RCAF) 창설 100주년과 원주민 재향군인의 날을 맞이하여 한국의 자유와 평화를 위해 희생한 한국전 참전용사와 가족분들께 깊은 경의를 표합니다. 한국 역사상 가장 어려웠던 시기에 자유와 민주주의의 수호를 위해 참전용사들은 고향과 가족을 떠나 낯선 이국땅에서 전쟁과 죽음에 맞서 우리를 도와주었습니다.

이러한 참전용사들의 헌신과 희생으로 오늘날 한국은 세계에서 가장 발전된 국가 중 하나로 성장할 수 있었고, 더 밝고 희망찬 미래로 나아가는데 큰 힘이 되었습니다. 참전용사들의 용기와 희생은 한국인들의 마음속 깊은 곳에 영원히 살아 있을 것입니다. 캐나다 한국전 참전용사들과 가족들에게 감사의 마음을 전하기 위해 금번 감사 만찬 행사를 개최해 주신 캐나다 한국전 참전용사 후원회에 깊은 감사의 말씀을 드립니다.

감사합니다.

주토론토총영사 대리 권태한

### **Acting Consul General's Message**

Amidst the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) & Aboriginal Veterans Day, I would like to express my sincere respect and gratitude to the Veterans of the Korean War and their families. During the darkest period in Korean history, Canadian soldiers left their homes and families to defend freedom and democracy in an unfamiliar foreign land.

With the services, dedications and sacrifices of these Veterans, Korea has grown into one of the most developed countries in the world and is continuing towards a hopeful future. They will forever be in the hearts and minds of Koreans. I would like to thank the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada for organizing this Appreciation Dinner to pay tribute to Korean War Veterans and their families.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, I wish you a memorable event.

Thank you.

Tae Han Kwon

Acting Consul General, the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea



The Office of  
**MAYOR ANDREA HORWATH**  
CITY OF HAMILTON

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

On behalf of the City of Hamilton, it is my profound to welcome you to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Appreciation for our Korean War Veterans.

Tonight, we gather to pay tribute to the courage and dedication of the brave men and women who served in one of the most pivotal conflicts in modern history.

anything but forgotten by those who endured its  
You, our heroes, fought for freedom, peace and the preservation of values that resonate deeply with us today. Your bravery under unimaginable conditions stands testament to the indomitable spirit of service and we are forever grateful for selfless contributions.

Tonight, we come together to show our appreciation, to honour your legacy, remind you that your service has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. The we enjoy today are a direct result of your sacrifices, and we are eternally grateful.

Let us remember the stories of heroism, the friendships forged during battle, and who gave the ultimate sacrifice. We thank you, and we honour you, not just always.

Yours

Andrea  
Horwath Mayor



Hamilton



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **Marching in of Veterans and Dignitaries**

**Announcement :** M.C. Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Co-chair, KWVAC

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests :** HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Chair, KWVAC

**"O Canada" and "Korean National Anthem" :** HMCS Star Band Quintet

**Land Acknowledgement:** Mike Curley, Aboriginal Veteran, Director RCAFA 447 Wing  
**Remarks**

- **Lisa Hepfner, MP** (Hamilton Mountain)
- **Vice Consul General Tae Han Kwon**, the Republic of Korea
- **Hon. Raymond Cho**, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
- **Andrea Horwath**, Mayor of The City of Hamilton

**Prayer for Fallen Veterans** Reverend Dr. Francis Chisholm Ph. D

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

### **Moment of Silence**

**Lament :** Mike Cuffe, Bagpiper, Past Chairman of RCAFA 447 Wing

**Reveille :** Bugle, Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy

**Act of Remembrance:** Romeo Daley, Past President KVA Unit 15

**F-86 Sabre History:** Bill McBride, RCAF, Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

**Blessing of Dinner :** Rev. Cannon Bill Thomas

**Dinner :** Beef and Chicken, Roasted Herb Potatoes, Salad, Mixed Vegetable, Soft Drinks

**"UPF Ambassador for Peace Appreciation Medal" Presentation:**

Dr. Moonshik Kim, Chairman of UPF Canada

**Gifts Presentation to Korean War Veterans**

### **Entertainment:**

- **Grace K- Music Ensemble** (Jinkyun Kim, Grace hyun-jung Chung, Sunha Kang, Gabtae Yi)
- **Devil's Brigade, Celtic Band** (Nelson and Jeania Stewart and band members)
- **HMCS Star Band Quintet** (Ken Laing, CD, Band Chief and members)

**God Save the King :** HMCS Star Band Quintet

**Presentation:** M.C. Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, HooJung Jones Kennedy

**Kwang Woo Kim**, Manager, United Nations Peace Memorial

**Closing Remarks and Group Photo**

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## 행사순서

베테랑, 주요 인사 행진

사회자 환영및 안내 : 전임소령, 던 케네디, 캐나다 (군) 한국전 참전용사 후원회 공동회장

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오 캐나다, 애국가 : HMCS 스타 밴드

영토확인: 마이크 컬리, 원주민 캐나다 공군 베테랑, 공군회관 447원 이사

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- 리사 헤프너, 연방하원의원 (해밀턴 마운틴)
- 권태환, 토론토 총영사 대리, 부총영사
- 레이몬드 조 (조성준), 온타리오 주 노인및 장애인 복지부 장관
- 앤드리아 홀와스, 해밀턴시 시장

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축도 : 빌 토마스 (군) 목사

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HMCS 스타 밴드 (켄 랭 밴드 지휘자 및 멤버들 )

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**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, 52 POW

# 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 260 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**

# **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)**



## **RCAF Contribution in the Korean War**

- Canadian airmen flew more than 2,200 combat missions and more than 1,500 round-trip airlift flights during the Korean War.
- 1,000 Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and other Canadian aviators, contributed to the action.
- About 800 RCAF personnel were from 426 (Transport) Squadron.
- 426 Squadron made 599 round-trip flights between McChord Air Force Base (AFB), near Tacoma, Washington, and Haneda airfield in Tokyo while working with the USAF's Material Air Transport Service.
- 22 Fighter pilots flew exclusively with the USAF's 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing ( March 1952 until November 1953 ).
- The RCAF accounted for nearly 900 combat missions with nine MiG "kills", two "probables", and 10 "damaged".
- RCAF nurses were involved in about 250 medical evacuation flights in the Pacific and many more throughout Canada.
- Hundreds of de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beavers in service with the US Army (known there as the L-20).
- 60 Canadair F-86 Mk II Sabre aircraft supplied to the USAF.



- **“Operation Hawk”, (July 25 1950 to May 25 1954) to the Canadian military portion of the Korean War airlift.**
- **The 426 Transport Squadron flew 12 Canadair C-54GM North Stars on 599 round trips (34,000 Flight hours) over the north Pacific, transporting 13,000 personnel and three million kilograms of freight and mail to Japan. There, cargo was offloaded for onward transit to Korea.**
- **RCAF Squadron Leader Andy MacKenzie was the only Canadian airman who became a Prisoner of War (POW) during the Korean War.**
- **The last official Canadian casualty of the Korean War, Major Edward Gower, was on his return flight from Korea to Calgary in December 1956 when his TCA North Star hit Mount Slesse (near Hope, British Columbia). The wreckage was found in May 1957 and the remains of all 62 crew and passengers rest on the mountain to this day.**
- **Canadians received 57 Commonwealth and US awards, medals, and commendations.**
- **RCAF pilots received eight U.S. Distinguished Flying Crosses and 10 U.S. Air Medals. Flight Lieutenant Ernest Glover was the last and only RCAF pilot to be awarded the Commonwealth Distinguished Service Cross since the Second World War.**



- **Flight Lieutenant Omer Lévesque, (who was already serving on exchange with the Americans when the war broke out) volunteered to fly F-86 Sabres with the United States Air Force. On December 17, Flight Lieutenant Lévesque took flight with the squadron's first operational sortie, taking on Soviet MiG-15s. He thus became the first Canadian and the first Commonwealth pilot to engage in jet-to-jet combat. He was also the first RCAF member to score a victory during the Korean War. Lévesque earned the U.S. Air Medal by flying 20 missions from December 17 to 20. On March 30, 1951, while flying as part of an escort of B-29 bombers, he earned the American Distinguished Flying Cross for his dogfight with several MiGs. The aircraft he shot down during War earned him the title "ace" (five aircraft).**
- **Captain Patrick (served during WWII and Communication Expert) flew on six B-29 bombing missions and acted as the radar officer to analyze enemy radar and the available counter-measures equipment.**
- **High scoring pilots included Flight Lieutenant (F/L) Ernie Glover with three kills and three damaged, and Squadron Leader (S/L) Doug Lindsay with two kills and three damaged.**
- **RCAF flight nurses were trained at Gunter Air Force Base in Alabama and then participated in three month tours of duty carrying out medical evacuations (medevacs) from the South Pacific. 40 Canadian flight nurses were involved in nearly 250 medical evacuation flights from 1950 to 1955, bringing the wounded and injured from Tokyo through Honolulu and back to North America.**





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Photo: HooJung Jones Kennedy

The Sabre entered RCAF service in the spring of 1951 and equipped nine squadrons serving in both Canada and Europe. 350 Mk. 2s were delivered to the RCAF during 1951-2 (during the Korean War). The RAF ordered 370 Sabres from Canadair in 1951 and, as the RCAF required additional fighters, an improved version (Mk. 4) came into production. Eventually 438 Mk. 4 Sabres were built. Most Canadair Sabre Mk. 2s and Mk. 4s served with the 2nd Tactical Air Force in Europe.



**Claude LaFrance enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in 1947 and, after receiving his wings in 1948 at Centralia, Ontario, flew the DH-100 Vampire - Canada's first jet fighter. When the Korean War broke out, he was instructing on that aircraft at the fighter school in Chatham, New Brunswick.**

**The Americans were flying F-86 Sabres in Korea and the school switched to the Sabre in early 1952. So the young instructor was seconded to the U.S. Air Force to gain combat experience.**

**"At that time, the Sabre was the only aircraft that had a chance against the Russian MiGs," LaFrance said.**

**May 1952, F/L Claude LaFrance was in Korea, flying as a wingman with 39 Fighter Interceptor Squadron in a Canadian-built Sabre. By the time he returned to Canada in October 1952, he had flown 50 missions, been promoted from flying officer to flight lieutenant, commanded a patrol of four aircraft and later a flight of 16 aircraft, and had shot down a MiG-15 (the pilot bailed out).**

**The Americans awarded him the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for that success and for his leadership during his tour.**

**He served for 34 years with RCAF and retired as a Major-General.**

Photo: RCAF Archives



**Flight Lieutenant Ernie Glover  
beside his F-86 Sabre jet in Korea.**



**Flight Lieutenant Omer Lévesque**

Photo: RCAF Archives



**Lt. Col. Douglas Warren(Right) with his twin brother Bruce**



**Andy Mckenzie, POW**

Photo: RCAF Archives



## RCAF Air Nurse



Photo: RCAF Archives



**Eva Freeman served with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) during the Korean War. She was a member of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton.**

**Her husband, Bill Freeman was the founder of the KVA Unit 26, Hamilton and he served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 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.**

**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**



*Canada Salutes*  
*Korean War Veterans*





PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

July 21, 2024

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Veterans Appreciation Dinner and unveiling of the Korean War Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument in Banff, Alberta.



This monument honours Veterans of the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment who took part in the fierce battle of April 22-25, 1951 that helped save Seoul during the Korean War. More than 26,000 Canadians served at sea, in the air and on the ground as part of the multinational United Nations Command forces in Korea between 1950 and 1953, and our fallen soldiers at Kapyong were among 516 Canadians who lost their lives. Today's unveiling ceremony serves as a poignant reminder of their courage, bravery and legacy. Lest we forget.

I am privileged to have this opportunity to pay tribute to our Korean War Veterans and their lasting contribution to protecting the values we hold dear. We must never forget those who fought and sacrificed in defence of peace and freedom. I would 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 event.

Sincerely,

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

# **“Banff Gapyeong(Kapyong) Battle Victory Monument”**

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Photo: Rebecca Jeon

**The monument was erected on July 21, 2024 at the RCL Col. Moore in Banff (the heart of Banff downtown) by the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada in partnership with the City of Gapyeong, The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 26 Col. Moore to honour Korean War Veterans and preserve the legacy of the Korean War Veterans. Over 4.5 Million tourists visit Rocky Mountains and Banff annually. We send our special thanks to Korean War Veterans, volunteers and sponsors.**





Photo: Joey Won

**Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Métis Veteran and Co-Chair of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada playing bugle at the “Gpayeong (Kapyong) Battle Victory Monument Unveiling Ceremony” on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at the RCL Br. 26 Col. Moore in Banff.**

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**Herbert Johnson, Korean War Veteran and Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy**

**Korean War Veterans at the “Gpayeong (Kapyong) Battle Victory Monument Unveiling Ceremony**



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**HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Chair of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada with Richard Blake, MP and Shadow Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada, Ambassador Woongsoon Lim, Gapyeong Mayor Teawon Seo and City councillors, Hugh Pettigrew, Banff Town City Councillor and Dr. Moonshik Kim, Chairman of UPF Canada.**



**Thomas George Prince MM and Silver Star (October 25, 1915 - November 25, 1977) was an Indigenous Canadian war hero and Canada's most decorated First Nations soldier, serving in World War II and the Korean War.**

**He served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (2PPCLI) at the battle of Kapyong during the Korean War. The 2PPCLI received the "United States Presidential Unit Citation". We Will Remember Him.**

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**Romeo Daley is a Métis Veteran and a proud Veteran of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) who served during the Korean War. He served as the President of the Korea Veterans Association Unit 15 Niagara, as well as being the Sergeant-at-Arms for the PPCLI Association of Canada. Every year he visits schools in his area to teach students about the Korean War and Canada's numerous peacekeeping missions.**

**He was part of the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 in Fort Erie for many years, where he helped organize commemorative events and Korea Veterans Association appreciation luncheons in Niagara Falls. He was the keynote speaker for the Korean War Photo Exhibition in Toronto, was a guest speaker at the Canadian Parachute Association and has been interviewed by the Korean media as part of the Memory Project and the Veteran Story series.**

**Romeo Daley has spread the word about Canadian troops and their efforts in the Korean War and overseas service. He reminds people that the liberties, rights and privileges we all enjoy are the result of the selfless actions of those who fought and died for Canada and her allies. He shares this message of remembrance to ensure that current and future generations will never forget.**

**He stated that the Korean War is not "A Forgotten War, It is a Forgotten Victory" in his recent interview with The TVO "The Agenda with Steve Paikin"**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1R-nauSe2PM>**

**(Video produced by Eric Bombicino, Producer)**



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**Major(Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Senator Yonah Martin, HooJung Jones Kennedy**

## **Hon. Yonah Martin, Senator**



**Born in Seoul, South Korea, Yonah Martin (Kim) immigrated to Canada in 1972. Since 2009, following an exemplary teaching career and extensive community activism, Senator Yonah Martin representing British Columbia, became the first Canadian of Korean descent to serve in the Senate of Canada, and the first Korean-Canadian parliamentarian in Canadian history. Senator Martin has been honoured many times by both the Canadian & Korean Governments for her outstanding work for Community and Korean War Veterans.**

**The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin introduced and helped to pass Bill S-213 recognizing July 27 as “*Korean War Veterans Day*” in 2013 to honour the Korean War Veterans and their legacy. She also initiated the “*Canada-Korea free Trade Agreement*” (\$11 Billion) to strengthen a diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea in 2014. Recently, Senator Yonah Martin recognized the month of October as the “*Korean Heritage Month*” in the Senate of Canada to celebrate 5,000 years of rich history, culture (including K-Pop, K- Food, K-Drama), tradition of Korea and contribution of Korean War Veterans and Korean-Canadian community.**

**It was our pleasure to be invited to witness the signing of the CK-Free Trade Agreement at he Parliament Hill on September 22, 2014 by the Prime Minister's Office and to witness the Korean flag raising ceremony at the Parliament hill by Senator Yonah Martin on October 7, 2024.**



**October is the “*Korean Heritage Month*”**

**10월은 “한인 문화유산의 달”**

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**(Major) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy, Co-Chairs of the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada proudly holding the “Korean Flag” at the Parliament Hill.**

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**(Major) Don Kennedy and HooJung Jones Kennedy, Mrs. Eun Sun Lee and Ambassador Woongson Lim at the “Korean War Heritage Month” celebration in Ottawa on October 7, 2024.**

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**Korean War Veterans (including Bill Black) with HooJung Jones Kennedy and Mihae (Grace) Kang.**

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**HooJung Jones Kennedy with Senator Yonah Martin and Mihae (Grace) Kang wearing Korean Dress (Hanbok) at the “Korean Heritage Month” celebration event in Ottawa. MS. Jones Kennedy and Ms. Kang are members of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council Toronto Chapter.**



**"Thank you for giving us a future" the Korean War Poster  
is painted by Wongkyoung Jang Youth Project Co-ordinator,  
Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada**



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### **“Ambassador for Peace Appreciation Medal”**

- 1. Andrew Barber, Korean War Veteran, Royal Canadian Navy**
- 2. Donald Arthur, Korean War Veteran, Royal Canadian Navy**
- 3. Paul Rochon, Korean War Veteran, Royal 22nd Regiment**
- 4. Major(Ret'd) David Rohrer, Royal Canadian Air Force, CEO of Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**
- 5. Capt.(Ret'd) Tery Lebel, RCAF Pilot, UN Peace Keeping Mission**
- 6. Pipe Major (Ret'd), Scott Balinson, UN Peace Keeping Mission, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada**
- 7. Lt. Terri- Leigh Saunders, Royal Canadian Navy, Vice-President of Royal Canadian Naval Association**
- 8. Capt. Jonathan Szozda, Royal Canadian Air Force, Air Cadet Officer**
- 9. Sgt. (Ret'd) Megan Cassell, UN Peace Keeping Mission Afghanistan, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada**
- 10. Cpl. (Ret'd) Lyn McBride, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, Staff at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**



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## **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**







Written and designed by HooJung Jones Kennedy