

HONORING VETERANS FOR PEACE



Remembrance Day

**UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION
AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE
VETERANS APPRECIATION MEDAL PRESENTATION**

NOV. 11. 2023 4:30 P.M. Registration, 5:00 P.M. Dinner

Huron Park Recreation Center, Ojibway Hall

830 Paisley Blvd West. Mississauga, ON L5C 3P5

Universal Peace Federation / Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada



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

The ***“Remembrance Day Ambassador for Peace Award Banquet”*** was organized by Universal Peace Federation of Canada and the Korean War Veterans Advocates of Canada on November 11, 2023 at the Huron Park Recreation Center in Mississauga, Ontario. This year marks the “70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice”, the “60th Anniversary of the Canada and Korea Diplomatic Relations” and the “75th Anniversary of the United Nations Peace Keeping”. In fact, the Korean War was the first UN Forces Peace Keeping Mission. 16 United Nations fought during the Korean War and many countries provided aid and medical supplies.

Over 270 guests attended including WWII, Korean War, Afghanistan War and other Veterans who participated in UN Peace Keeping missions, diverse ethnic community leaders and members. Margaret Froh, President and Chief Captain of the Hunt for the Métis Nation of Ontario provided the “Land Acknowledgment “. The “Last Post” was played by Sergeant (Ret'd) Tony Beresford and Mike Cuffe, the President of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 447 Wing played “Lament” with his Bagpipes. The “Act of Remembrance” was recited by Romeo Daley, Past President of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 15, Niagara Falls.

54 worthy Veterans including John(Jack) Finan the nearly 104 years old Lancaster Bomber Pilot received the “Ambassador for Peace Appreciation Medal” and the “Appreciation Certificate from the Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor. Our Veterans were thrilled with gratitude

Sheref Sabawy, MPP, Mississauga-Erindale, Dr. Moonsik Kim and Dr, Franco Famularo, President of UPF Canada delivered heart-felt speeches, thanking Veterans including Korean War Veterans .The Little Angels and UPF World Summit Videos, were very informative and everyone enjoyed delicious food, deserts and great entertainment. “In Flanders Field” and “Danny Boy” was sung by Rebecca Isabella Calix-Porelance and her angelic voice captivated Veterans and guests. Sun Ja Lee sang beautifully and the Happy Sound performed great Korean traditional music. Nicholas Manlapaz and Samantha Gavin sang “Where Peace Begins” with perfect harmony.

The Veterans Affairs Canada’s Education materials (75th Anniversary of the United Nations poster, book mark, Newspaper etc) were distributed to the guests. The “Remembrance Day Ambassador for Peace Award Banquet” provided an opportunity for the diverse ethnic communities to be with Veterans and express their deep appreciation to them. We Will Remember many brave fallen Canadians of WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Afghanistan War and UN Peace Keeping Missions. We also would like to send our special thanks to Veterans Affairs Canada and Dr. Moonsik Kim, David Stewart, UPF Canada director for their invaluable partnership for this memorable event.























Korean War



POWELL Soldiers (Top Right) from Canada and West - William Blomberg, second of the South of Canada's History
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