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THE THIN BLUE LINE/SUR LA CORDE RAIDE EN BLEU

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Incoming National President Remarks at CAVUNP BGM, Peterborough ON, 2 July 2022

Thank you for electing me National President. I will do my best to live up to the high standard set by my predecessors.

We have much to do in the next two years. Our marking of National Peacekeepers' Day is roughly one month away, and Canadians look to us for leadership on how best to observe this important occasion. While the ceremony in Ottawa reflects one end of the spectrum, this is not the only way to recognize the service of over 125,000 Veterans who have served and the 130 who gave their lives in such service. For our smaller Chapters without a dedicated Peacekeeping monument, it could be as simple as inviting the local news media to witness the laying of a wreath at a nearby cenotaph by a few Blue Berets. It all counts, and if we do not mark National Peacekeepers' Day, no one else will, either.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the start of the United Nations Protection Force in the Former Yugoslavia, or UNPROFOR, mission, which saw Canadian contributions to UN efforts top 3,300 personnel continuously overseas. While our numbers have been drastically reduced over the years, the 59 individuals currently deployed on UN duty in Cyprus, Haiti, Mali, Congo, South Sudan and UNTSO still deserve our recognition and support. We should also not be shy in asking our elected representatives what became of the Government commitment in 2016 to provide an ongoing presence of 860 Canadians on UN missions.

Next year will feature the 75th anniversary of continuous Canadian participation in United Nations Peacekeeping missions, as well as the 35th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize to UN Peacekeeping Forces. In addition, the RCMP will mark their 150th anniversary. At the national

level, CAVUNP is already engaged in orchestrating a number of activities to highlight Canada's longest continuous military operational activity, but there is much that can also be done at the local level. One idea that is paying dividends is to record a member presenting his overseas experiences at a regular Chapter meeting, inviting the news media to be present and sharing the recording with them and anyone else who might be interested, like Veterans Affairs Canada social media.

I also know that many Chapters are concerned with dwindling membership numbers. I share this concern, though like most of you, I do not have a magic solution. But what has been successful is listening to Veterans when and where they gather and inviting those with UN experiences to join us. I offer this to you because the approach has had some success in Ottawa. Finally, I encourage you to support your Association and your Chapters by being active members. Attend the meetings. Contribute your thoughts and stories to the Thin Blue Line. And please feel free to talk, call or write to me; I am always eager to hear what you have to say and support CAVUNP.

Allocution du président national entrant au CAVUNP BGM, Peterborough ON, 2 juillet 2022

Merci de m'avoir élu président national. Je ferai de mon mieux pour être à la hauteur des normes élevées fixées par mes prédécesseurs.

Nous avons beaucoup à faire au cours des deux prochaines années. Notre célébration de la Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix est dans environ un mois, et les Canadiens se tournent vers nous pour montrer la meilleure façon d'observer cette importante occasion. Bien que la cérémonie à Ottawa reflète une extrémité du spectre, ce n'est pas la seule façon de reconnaître le service de plus de 125 000 vétérans qui ont servi et des 130 qui ont donné leur vie dans un tel service. Pour nos petits succursales sans monument dédié au maintien de la paix, cela pourrait être aussi simple que d'inviter les médias locaux à assister au dépôt d'une couronne sur un cénotaphe à proximité par quelques Bérêts bleus. Tout compte, et si nous ne célébrons pas la Journée nationale des Casques bleus, personne d'autre ne le fera non plus.

Cette année marque le 30e anniversaire du début de la mission de la Force de protection des Nations Unies dans l'ex-Yougoslavie, ou FORPRONU, qui a vu les contributions canadiennes aux efforts de l'ONU dépasser les 3 300 personnes continuellement à l'étranger. Bien que nos effectifs aient été considérablement réduits au fil des ans, les 59 personnes actuellement déployées en service des Nations Unies à Chypre, en Haïti, au Mali, au Congo, au Soudan du Sud et à l'ONUST méritent toujours notre reconnaissance et notre soutien. N'hésitons pas non plus à demander à nos élus ce qu'il est advenu de l'engagement du gouvernement en 2016 d'assurer une présence continue de 860 Canadiens dans les missions de l'ONU.

L'année prochaine marquera le 75e anniversaire de la participation continue du Canada aux missions de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies, ainsi que le 35e anniversaire de l'attribution du prix Nobel de la paix aux forces de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies. De plus, la GRC soulignera son 150^e anniversaire. Au niveau national, le CAVUNP est déjà engagé dans l'orchestration d'un certain nombre d'activités pour souligner l'activité opérationnelle militaire continue la plus longue du Canada, mais il y a beaucoup à faire au niveau local. Une idée qui porte ses fruits est d'enregistrer un membre présentant ses expériences à l'étranger lors d'une réunion régulière du succursale, en invitant les médias d'information à être présents et en partageant l'enregistrement avec eux et toute autre personne qui pourrait être intéressée, comme les médias sociaux d'Anciens Combattants Canada. Je sais aussi que de nombreux succursales sont préoccupés par la diminution du nombre de membres. Je partage cette préoccupation, bien que comme la plupart d'entre vous, je n'ai pas de solution magique. Mais ce qui a réussi, c'est d'écouter les anciens combattants quand et où ils se réunissent, et d'inviter ceux qui ont une expérience des Nations Unies à se joindre à nous. Je vous offre cela parce que l'approche a eu un certain succès à Ottawa.

Enfin, je vous encourage à soutenir votre association et vos chapitres en étant des membres actifs. Assistez aux réunions. Faites part de vos réflexions et de vos histoires à la Thin Blue Line. Et n'hésitez pas à me parler, à m'appeler ou à m'écrire; Je suis toujours prêt d'entendre ce que vous avez à dire et de soutenir le CAVUNP.



On Aug 7th, 2022, Bob George and I were invited by the local President of the UN/NATO Veterans Group; to a special Peacekeepers ceremony which would take place at Reume Park in Windsor Ontario. Accompanied by our spouses, we attended the ceremony. It was an incredibly hot day and the setting was absolutely gorgeous. The President of the group, (Joe Claus), has attended Peacekeepers Park ceremonies in Angus in the past. Joe and I actually served as Military Police together and worked VIP security in Ottawa. He served a tour in Cyprus and his wife Shelley served in the Golan Heights.

It was a long drive but worth the trip. The best part of the ceremony had to be the firing party!!!

Renewed old friendships and make new ones as well.



Joe and Shelley Claus



Beautiful monument



Bob George (National Vice President) brings greetings and salutations from our National President Wayne Mac Culloch.

We have been invited to attend once again next year!!

PS, we wore our Peacekeeper socks and they were an instant hit with everyone!

On August 8th, at 1800 hrs, a special ceremony was held in Bradford West Gwillimbury, to honour one of our local Afghanistan heroes, Brian Collier who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2010.

Michael Comeau our founder and first Chapter President honoured us with his presence. It was really good to see our old friend. Michael was responsible for the very first flag raising event ever to take place in Bradford. It has been a tradition ever since. He is the reason why Central Ontario Chapter exists today. Stay healthy my friend.



Well the big day finally arrived. Our first marching parade in three years due to COVID! CFB Borden was once again outstanding with their support of this event. They provided all of the logistical support required and troops to march in the parade. The support that we continue to get from Base Borden on an annual basis is more than outstanding!!

We also received great support from the Base Museum. They provided vehicles including “Christine” which served in the Golan Heights. We can’t thank them enough as well.

The day started with a flag raising ceremony on Base with the Acting Base Commander raising the flag. It was very fitting because he had just returned from an 18 month tour of duty in South Sudan. Now for those who know me, my nick name is the rain maker. It actually started to rain a little bit but by the time we raised the flag it had stopped!!

Fern addressing the crowd



before flag raising on base



Reviewing Officer Wing Commander

Acting Base Commander LCol Courty Col Taylor



Veteran Ombudsman Nishika Jardine laying a wreath with escort Bob George

Well I think that is enough for now. On my next submission, I will let you know how we faired out at our Peacekeepers Tournament at Base Borden on Aug 11th as well as the plans for the installation of the MLVW into the park. Lots more to come.

Fern Taillefer

President

Cpl. M.W. Simpson Memorial Plaque Dedication August 9, 2022

Mr. Griffis:

Thank you for your kind words concerning the dedication of the Cpl. Michael William Simpson

Memorial Plaque. The plaque is located at the Highland Creek Wesleyan Cemetery, 386 Old Kingston Rd., Scarborough, Ontario. (Photo 1).

The cemetery is a 35 to 45 minute drive from Toronto's Old City Hall, depending on the route. For directions go to Google Maps. The cemetery is just one mile south of Scarborough's Highway 401 and Meadowvale Rd. interchange.

The Highland Creek Wesleyan Cemetery dates back to the reign of George III prior to 1800. Local legend says it became a burial ground when a passenger on a passing stage coach died there. It serves as the final resting place for some of Scarborough's earliest settlers. A large mural depicts the expansion of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1867 (Photo 2). The mural depicts this event as it may have appeared from across Old Kingston Rd. in November of 1867.

The cemetery was suggested as a suitable site for Cpl. Simpson's memorial plaque by alumni of the West Hill Collegiate Institute which he attended prior to enlisting in the Canadian Army in 1965. It lies at the heart of our family's beloved Highland Creek community, a place where we spent our childhoods and of which we have many fond memories.

You and I have met at past National Peacekeeping Day events, most notably at the dedication of the Buffalo 115461 replica at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, on National Peacekeepers' Day, August 9, 2009. My mother, Loyola Helen (Simpson) Park, the 1999 National Silver Cross Mother, laid a wreath on behalf of all mothers who have lost children in the Service of Canada in war, and in peace. (Photo 3).

I was formerly an Honourary Member of CAVUNP's Cpl. Michael William Simpson (Toronto) Chapter. We successfully petitioned City of Toronto Council to have "PEACEKEEPING" inscribed on Toronto's eight city maintained cenotaphs in 2004. I accepted Ontario's Peacekeeper Day Proclamation from James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, on November 3, 2004 (Photo 4).

Four inscriptions have been completed to date, including at Toronto's Old City Hall in 2006 (Photo 5), and at the Scarborough cenotaph at Kingston Rd. and Danforth Ave. in 2007 (Photo 6). Two other cenotaphs, at the East York Civic Centre in 2004, and at Weston's Little Ave. Memorial Park in 2008, were also inscribed with "Peacekeeping". I have recently requested assistance from Jennifer McKelvie, a City of Toronto Councillor, to complete the project with the inscription of "PEACEKEEPING" on the four remaining cenotaphs.

Once again, thank you for kind words. Thank you for your service to Canada, the Province of Ontario and to our Peacekeeping veterans, serving members, and their families.

With regards,

Jack Simpson, CD

WILLIAM HALL V. C. GREENWOOD CHAPTER Report 2020 – 2022

The William Hall V. C. Greenwood Chapter is near L4 Wing (RCAF Station) Greenwood, Branch 098 Royal Canadian Legion in Kingston and we conduct our activities at the RCAFA 107 (Valley) Wing in Greenwood. As with much of everything else COVID - 19 has minimized our activities. 20 September 2020 I was part of a colour party conducted by the RCAFA Wing for the Battle of Britain Parade. Also attended by member of 14 Wing Greenwood. With other members we also attended the parade on 19 September 2021 as a spectator. In 2020 and 2021 at the Remembrance Day Service at Branch 098 Legion I placed a wreath on behalf of our Association. Other members attended their respective Legions. 9 August 2021 due to COVID - 19 several members had dinner at a local restaurant as the RCAFA 107 (Valley) Wing was closed. On 21 September 2021 Gloria Spencer, spouse of MCpl Ronald Spencer, Flight Engineer on Buffalo Flight 115416 passed away. She was a regular attendee along with her son Peter, wife Marie and daughter Rhonda at our Peacekeeping Day Services. After two years away, members of our Chapter attended the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers at the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River, N. S on 29 May 2022. I was asked if I would lay a wreath on behalf of the RCAF, Snowbirds and Captain Jennifer Casey with the Snowbirds. I gratefully did.

One member transferred to our Chapter and two members passed away.

Nelson Mullen, President William Hall V. C. Greenwood Chapter



William Hall V. C. Greenwood Chapter
Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping

The following dignitaries were present at the Greenwood Chapter on 9 August 2022 to commemorate this date:

Left to right: Mr. Chris Palmer MLA for West Kings, Nelson Mullen, President, William Hall V. C. Greenwood Chapter, 14 Wing CWO Johnathan Proulx, 14 Wing Commander Colonel Jeff Davis and Mr. Chris d'Entremont MP for West Nova.

Photo by B Hirtle and submitted by Nelson Mullen

The CAVUNP National President's Plate

18 July 2022



Like most association, CAVUNP has its customs and traditions, but up until

2014 there was no treasured item to demonstrate the passing of the mantle of

National President to a successor. During his first time in office (2014-2018),

Wayne Mac Culloch was given a commemorative ceramic plate depicting UNEF

and the national contingents that made up the Peacekeeping Force. This seemed

both a fitting and an unusual trapping of the highest CAVUNP office, far more

meaningful than a gavel, and so it was carefully safeguarded for transmission to

his successor at an appropriate Biennial General Meeting (BGM).

In September 2018, Rick Wright ascended to National President at the

CAVUNP BGM in Calgary. Unfortunately, Wayne had not brought the plate on the

perilous Air Canada journey westwards, and so had to mail it – very well padded –

to Rick's home address. There it awaited the next election of a National

President.

And so it came to pass that at the BGM in Peterborough, Ontario, on 2 July

2020, Rick was delighted to return the plate to Wayne, still in its original Canada

Post shipping box, complete with the wads of previous bubble wrap carefully

protecting it. Now the questions are: when will Wayne again pass the plate to his

successor, and who will that be?

IN MEMORIAM



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Honourary Member Suzanne Sarault 25 November 1953 –24 May 2022

Suzanne was an Honourary Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was an honorary member of the Colonel John Gardam Chapter (Ottawa), Ottawa, Ontario.

Suzanne was a distinguished executive public service employee and an outstanding leader and mentor. She served many federal departments and agencies for more than 36 years. She was a life-long volunteer and had a deep desire to be of service to others. Suzanne was especially passionate about her work with Veteran organizations including the RCMP Veterans' Association, Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping, Korean War Veterans Association of Canada and Veterans Affairs Canada. She was Emcee at numerous events national and local events including being Master of Ceremonies for the National Peacekeepers' Day Ceremony in Ottawa for many years.

Suzanne was the 2017 RCMP Ottawa Division Veteran of the Year, and was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in 2018, along with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation in 2021. At the 2021 National Peacekeepers' Day Ceremony in Ottawa, Suzanne was publicly presented with her CAVUNP Honourary Membership. She will be truly missed.

May She Rest in Peace

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



IN MEMORY



Ernest Edward (Boots) Boutilier, CD

17 November 1933 –17 May 2022

Boots was a Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the Colonel John Gardam Chapter (Ottawa), Ottawa, Ontario.

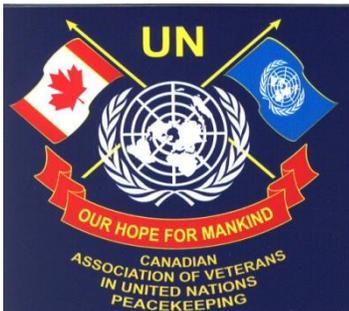
Boots joined the Canadian Armed Forces in April 1955 and was affiliated with the Canadian Army Armoured Corps. He served until his release in August 1979.

Boots served a United Nations Mission with United Nations Forces (Middle East), Egypt during the period Jan 1963 to February 1964. He also served a United Nations Mission with the International Commission for Supervision and Control (Indo China).

Boots was the chapter Kit Shop Manager and the Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms.

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**Ghislain (Gil) Bellavance, CD
24 December 1935 – 13 May 2021**

Ghislain was a Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the North Saskatchewan Chapter, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Gil joined the Canadian Armed Forces in June 1953 and served until his retirement in May 1986.

He served in United Nations Mission with United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP); United Nation Emergency Force Middle East (UNEFME) and International Commission for Supervision and Control (Indo-China).

Gil was also a member of the United States Special Forces Association; the R22eR Association; the Canadian Air Borne Association; The North Saskatchewan Regimental Association and the Regina Rifle's Association.

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**Harvey E.T. Shevalier, MMM, CD
04 October 1938 – 05 June 2022**

Harvey was a Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the Calgary Chapter, Calgary, Alberta.



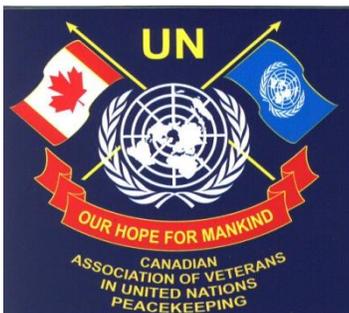
Harvey joined the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps in February 1960 and during his career served with the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the 2nd Battalion R22eR and with the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Harvey was released from the forces in October 1993

He served in United Nations Mission with United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP) during the period January 1973 to July 1973 and from March 1980 to September 1980.

Harvey was also an active member of The Royal Canadian Legion and was a member of five different branches across Canada. During his term as 1st Vice President of the Alberta – N.W.T. Command of the Royal Canadian Legion his dedication and tenacity was put forth in acquiring the new Alberta Veteran’s License Plates. He was also the driving force behind renaming a 560 km long highway “Veterans Memorial Highway.”

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**Phyllis May Walker, CD
18 November – 27 June 2022**

Phyllis was a Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the Gerry Tremblay, CD Chapter, Barrie, Ontario.

Phyllis joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1952 and was affiliated with 42nd Field Artillery Regiment (RCA) and served until her release in 1974.

She served in United Nations Mission with United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt (UNEF).

She was also a member of The Royal Canadian Legion, St John Ambulance, United Church of Canada and the Angus Horticulture Society, Angus, Ontario

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Walter Llewelyn George, CD 21 March 1937 – 20 April 2022

Walter was a Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the Calgary Chapter, Calgary, Alberta.

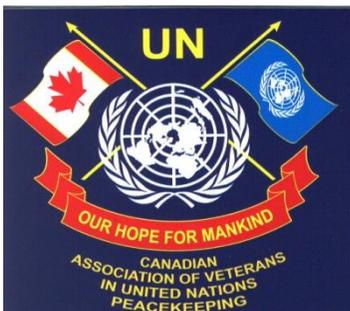
Walter joined the Canadian Armed Forces in February 1959 and was affiliated with the Canadian Guards and served until his retirement in May 1984.

He served in United Nations Mission with United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP) during the period October 1964 to April 1965.

He was also a member of the Canadian Guards Association and the Western Canada Royal Canadian Ordnance Corp Association.

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IN MEMORY



Robert John Boletta, CD 18 May 1942 – 17 July 2022

John was a Charter Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the Calgary Chapter, Calgary, Alberta.

John joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in April 1961 and served until his release in January 1979.

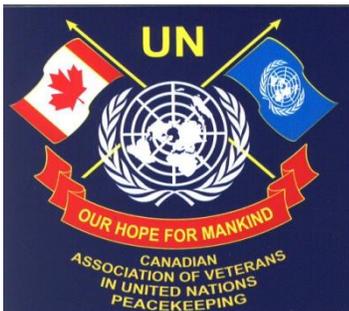
He served two tours with United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the first from April to October 1964 and the second from April to October 1968.

John was also the Alberta Provincial Director during the period October 1995 to May 1999. He also served two terms as President of the Calgary Chapter, the first term during the period November 2001 to December 2003. The second term was from January 2021 to July 2022.

John was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 291, Okotoks, Alberta.

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IN MEMORY



**Alfred John Francis Peddle, CD
06 May 1933 – 14 July 2022**

Alfred was a Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and was a member of the Trooper Mark A. Wilson (London) Chapter, London, Ontario.

Alfred joined the Royal Canadian Army in July 1953 and served until his release in July 1974. He was affiliated with the Royal Canadian Regiment.

He served a United Nations Mission with United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

Alfred was also a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment Association.

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