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Our President discussing Veterans matters with the Minister of Veterans Affairs  
with respect to the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations  
Peacekeeping and other Veterans

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – April 27, 2023**

Fellow Peacekeepers:

My first wish is that everyone is now enjoying heartwarming spring weather. May this be the start of a wonderful summer season for you and your loved ones.

It has been a busy time for your National President. With the untimely passing of the late Paul Greensides, I had to assume all three of his duties (National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Membership Chair) in addition to National President and many other duties unrelated to CAVUNP. Thankfully, Ron Graves has stepped forward as National Secretary and Gary Littlewood has assumed the position of National Membership Chair, but I am still missing a National Treasurer. I sincerely hope that someone will volunteer in short order, and that person need not be from the Ottawa area.

Further complicating matters is the necessity to split Paul's files into three. This is no easy task, as there are co-ordination matters among the three jobs, which require more than one person to receive most documentation. And there is a lot in the files, both paper and electronic – over 30 years' worth which I am also wading through as time permits. So, if things seem a little sluggish and disorganized these days, please bear with us – we're doing the best we can.

As your National President, much of what I do is often hidden from your view, but these activities are getting CAVUNP great respect and visibility among Federal Government officials. In the words of the Veterans Ombud, Col (Retd) Nishika Jardine, "CAVUNP is one of the premier Veterans organizations" and she has recommended that other groups looking for recognition follow our example. In terms of the time required, seldom does a week go by without at least two Veterans' events where I represent CAVUNP. This being the 75th continuous year of Canadian Peacekeeping service, CAVUNP and CPVA have a number of initiatives in the works. Of note, CPVA is holding a book launch on 29 May 2023 in Ottawa to showcase a book on Peacekeeping Veterans' experiences over the year, and I'd like to personally thank CAVUNP members who have contributed to the work.

In the National Capital, CAVUNP is again spearheading the 2023 National Peacekeepers' Day Ceremony in Ottawa on Sunday, August 13th, starting at 9:45 a.m., in conjunction with the RCMP which is marking the 150th anniversary of its

formation. While similar in format to previous pre-pandemic such events, this year may see the attendance of Her Excellency the Governor General, the Chief of the Defence Staff, and the Commissioner of the RCMP, which may well expand attendance. Anyone requiring more detail is welcome to contact me.

Your Association has also been heavily engaged with Veterans Affairs Canada and a number of think-tanks on Veterans' issues. For example, the recent release of the Veterans Ombud's 2022 Report Card underlined that many systemic issues from several years past remain unresolved, and VAC responses were either vague or dismissive. We are seeking clearer and more substantive answers from officials on these matters, but any feedback on the Report Card that you may have would also be appreciated.

Indeed, I welcome feedback on any issue that you may wish to discuss. This is, after all, YOUR Association, and I am merely its present caretaker. I want to represent you as faithfully as I can and advising me of the topics that interest you and your opinions on them would be a tremendous help.

In closing, I want to thank all who have stepped up to assist in running CAVUNP, from Chapter to National. Without you, CAVUNP could not survive and thrive, and I am deeply indebted to you for your efforts and your accomplishments. Thank you – but... any volunteers for National Treasurer?

Wayne Mac Culloch, CD  
National President-CAVUNP

## **MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT - 27Avril 2023**

Chers gardiens de la paix,

Mon premier souhait est que tout le monde profite maintenant d'un temps printanier réconfortant. Que ce soit le début d'une merveilleuse saison estivale pour vous et vos proches.

Ce fut une période occupée pour votre président national. Avec le décès prématuré de feu Paul Greensides, j'ai dû assumer ses trois fonctions (secrétaire

national, trésorier national et président national des adhésions) en plus de président national et de nombreuses autres fonctions sans rapport avec l'ACFNUAP. Heureusement, Ron Graves s'est porté candidat au poste de secrétaire national et Gary Littlewood a assumé le poste de président national de l'adhésion, mais il me manque toujours un trésorier national. J'espère sincèrement que quelqu'un se portera volontaire sous peu et qu'il n'est pas nécessaire que cette personne soit de la région d'Ottawa.

Pour compliquer davantage les choses, il est nécessaire de diviser les dossiers de Paul en trois. Ce n'est pas une tâche facile, car il y a des questions de coordination entre les trois emplois, qui nécessitent plus d'une personne pour recevoir la plupart des documents. Et il y a beaucoup dans les dossiers, à la fois papier et électroniques - plus de 30 ans que je parcours aussi à mesure que le temps le permet. Donc, si les choses semblent un peu lentes et désorganisées ces jours-ci, s'il vous plaît, soyez patients - nous faisons de notre mieux.

En tant que président national, une grande partie de ce que je fais est souvent caché à votre vue, mais ces activités obtiennent un grand respect et une grande visibilité du CAVUNP parmi les fonctionnaires du gouvernement fédéral. Selon les mots de l'ombud des vétérans, le Col (retraité) Nishika Jardine, « L'ACVPUNP est l'une des principales organisations d'anciens combattants » et elle a recommandé que d'autres groupes en quête de reconnaissance suivent notre exemple. En termes de temps requis, il se passe rarement une semaine sans au moins deux événements vétérans où je représente CAVUNP. Il s'agit de la 75<sup>e</sup> année continue de service canadien de maintien de la paix, le CAVUNP et l'ACPV ont un certain nombre d'initiatives en cours. Il convient de noter que l'ACPV organise un lancement de livre le 29 mai 2023 à Ottawa pour présenter un livre sur les expériences des vétérans du maintien de la paix au cours de l'année, et j'aimerais remercier personnellement les membres de l'ACVPUNP qui ont contribué au travail.

Dans la capitale nationale, le CAVUNP est à nouveau le fer de lance de la cérémonie de la Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix 2023 à Ottawa le dimanche 13 août, à partir de 9 h 45, en collaboration avec la GRC qui célèbre le 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de sa formation. Bien que le format soit similaire à celui des événements antérieurs à la pandémie, cette année pourrait voir la participation de Son Excellence la Gouverneure générale, du chef d'état-major de la Défense et du commissaire de la GRC, ce qui pourrait bien augmenter la participation. Toute personne souhaitant plus de détails est invitée à me contacter.

Votre association s'est également fortement engagée auprès d'Anciens Combattants Canada et de plusieurs groupes de réflexion sur les problèmes des

anciens combattants. Par exemple, la récente publication du bulletin de rendement 2022 de l'ombud des vétérans a souligné que de nombreux problèmes systémiques de plusieurs années n'ont toujours pas été résolus et que les réponses d'ACC étaient vagues ou dédaigneuses. Nous cherchons à obtenir des réponses plus claires et plus substantielles de la part des responsables sur ces questions, mais tout commentaire sur la fiche de rendement que vous pourriez avoir serait également apprécié.

En effet, je suis ouvert aux commentaires sur toute question dont vous souhaiteriez discuter. Il s'agit, après tout, de VOTRE Association, et je n'en suis que le gardien actuel. Je tiens à vous représenter le plus fidèlement possible, et me conseiller sur les sujets qui vous intéressent et vos opinions à leur sujet serait d'une aide précieuse.

En terminant, je tiens à remercier tous ceux qui se sont mobilisés pour aider à la gestion de l'ACVFPNU, du chapitre au national. Sans vous, le CAVUNP ne pourrait pas survivre et prospérer, et je vous suis profondément redevable pour vos efforts et vos réalisations. Merci – mais, des volontaires pour le trésorier national ?

Wayne Mac Culloch, CD  
Président national-ACFPNU

### **Summary of Videoconference with Deputy Minister VAC, 21 Apr 2023 /** **Résumé de la vidéo-conférence avec le sous-ministre ACC, 21 avril 2023**

Fellow Peacekeepers / Chers gardiens de la paix,

A Zoom videoconference was hurriedly called by the Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) Deputy Minister (DM) for the DM's Coffee Group at 1:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, 21 April 2023, to explain the impacts of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) strike on VAC operations and support to Veterans.

The DM opened by noting that 75% of VAC employees were members of PSAC, most of whom had not been deemed essential and therefore were on strike. During what will hopefully be a short strike, VAC will focus on Veterans and their support programs, especially any urgent needs that may arise. (Urgent need = immediate health situation.) The DM emphasized that there would be no payment disruptions and continued access to treatment benefits would be

maintained; however, the strike has forced smaller VAC offices to close temporarily due to a lack of staff.

The Veterans Emergency Fund is in place for urgent requirements and picketers appear to be allowing Veterans access to VAC offices for emergency situations as, for example, happened in Montreal last week.

There are roughly 15,000 Veterans in case management and only 30% of case managers (or 144 of a total of 480) were deemed essential employees (not permitted to strike), so some delays with in-person services should be expected. In addition, Veterans who need to contact a case manager may have to deal with someone other than the usual case manager due to the strike. Longer wait times for telephone service will also be the norm, to 15-20 minutes or longer. Strike-related service interruptions will affect the processing of new claims; however, a prioritization system has been put in place to reduce the impacts of these as much as possible.

Although VAC currently has a limited capacity to respond to issues due to the strike, the DM stressed that he keenly wanted to be informed about insights and problems encountered by Veterans. Communications remain open through the VAC help line, Web site and other outreach means. You may also send your comments to me and I will relay them to VAC.

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Une vidéoconférence Zoom a été convoquée à la hâte par le sous-ministre (SM) d'Anciens Combattants Canada (ACC) pour le groupe de café du SM à 13 h. HAE le vendredi 21 avril 2023, pour expliquer les impacts de la grève de l'Alliance de la Fonction publique du Canada (AFPC) sur les opérations d'ACC et le soutien aux vétérans.

Le sous-ministre a commencé en notant que 75 % des employés d'ACC étaient membres de l'AFPC, dont la plupart n'avaient pas été jugés essentiels et étaient donc en grève. Pendant ce qui, espérons-le, sera une courte grève, ACC se concentrera sur les vétérans et leurs programmes de soutien, en particulier sur les besoins urgents qui pourraient survenir. (Besoin urgent = situation de santé immédiate.) Le DM a souligné qu'il n'y aurait pas d'interruption de paiement et que l'accès continu aux prestations de traitement serait maintenu ; cependant, la grève a forcé les petits bureaux d'ACC à fermer temporairement en raison d'un manque de personnel.

Le Fonds d'urgence pour les vétérans est en place pour les besoins urgents et les piqueteurs semblent permettre aux vétérans d'accéder aux bureaux d'ACC pour les situations d'urgence comme, par exemple, ce qui s'est produit à Montréal la semaine dernière.

Il y a environ 15 000 anciens combattants en gestion de cas et seulement 30 % des gestionnaires de cas (ou 144 sur un total de 480) étaient considérés comme des employés essentiels (non autorisés à faire la grève), il faut donc s'attendre à des retards dans les services en personne. De plus, les vétérans qui ont besoin de communiquer avec un gestionnaire de cas peuvent avoir à traiter avec quelqu'un d'autre que le gestionnaire de cas habituel en raison de la grève. Des temps d'attente plus longs pour le service téléphonique seront également la norme, à 15-20 minutes ou plus. Les interruptions de service liées à la grève affecteront le traitement des nouvelles réclamations ; cependant, un système de priorisation a été mis en place pour en réduire au maximum les impacts.

Bien qu'ACC dispose actuellement d'une capacité limitée pour répondre aux problèmes dus à la grève, le sous-ministre a souligné qu'il souhaitait vivement être informé des idées et des problèmes rencontrés par les vétérans. Les communications restent ouvertes par le biais de la ligne d'assistance d'ACC, du site Web et d'autres moyens de sensibilisation. Vous pouvez également m'envoyer vos commentaires et je les transmettrai à ACC.

Yours in the Service of Peace / Vôtre au service de la paix,

Wayne Mac Culloch, CD  
National President / président nationale

## **Canadian Police Peacekeepers**

Fellow Peacekeepers / Chers gardiens de la paix,

Canadian Police Peacekeepers have served on United Nations Peacekeeping missions since 1989, yet there is no recognition of their service on the national monument to Peacekeeping. I have been trying to fix this oversight for a number of years and believe that the wheels of Government are at last slowly

turning, so I thought that I would ensure that you are aware of this important issue. At this point, my objective is to secure a Government public announcement that a Police Peacekeeper figure will be added to “The Reconciliation” for National Peacekeepers’ Day on 9 August 2023, the 75th anniversary of continuous Canadian participation on United Nations Peacekeeping missions.

Should you wish to share your thoughts on this subject, I would happily welcome them!

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Les Casques bleus de la police canadienne ont servi dans des missions de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies depuis 1989, mais il n'y a aucune reconnaissance de leur service sur le monument national du maintien de la paix. J'essaie de réparer cet oubli depuis un certain nombre d'années et je crois que les roues du gouvernement tournent enfin lentement, alors j'ai pensé que je ferais en sorte que vous soyez conscient de cette question importante. À ce stade, mon objectif est d'obtenir une annonce publique du gouvernement selon laquelle une figure policière de maintien de la paix sera ajoutée à « La Réconciliation » pour la Journée nationale des Casques bleus le 9 août 2023, le 75e anniversaire de la participation continue du Canada aux missions de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies.

Si vous souhaitez partager vos réflexions à ce sujet, je les accueillerais avec plaisir !

Wayne Mac Culloch, CD

Yours in the service of peace / Vôtre au service de la paix,

## **2021 Census – Canadian military experience / Recensement de 2021 - Expérience militaire de la population canadienne**

For the first time in 50 years, the 2021 Census included a question on military service. You can now view the information and data that was collected on the Statistics Canada website. This is a key milestone, as it sheds important light on the demographic, economic, family and household characteristics of military members



and Veterans. This information will help VAC and other Veteran support organizations, including the Canadian Armed Forces/Department of National Defence and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation better understand – and better serve – Canadian Veterans and their families.

Veterans Affairs Canada will continue to work with Statistics Canada and other partners and stakeholders to build a stronger statistical ecosystem for the Veteran population.

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The message above contains a huge amount of data and deductions concerning Veterans, but you will probably be satisfied with the overall picture of it here: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/220713/dq220713c-eng.htm>

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Pour la première fois en 50 ans, le Recensement de 2021 comprenait une question sur le service militaire. Vous pouvez maintenant consulter les renseignements et les données qui ont été recueillis sur le site Web de Statistique Canada.

Il s'agit d'un événement important, car cette question permet d'obtenir de précieux renseignements sur les caractéristiques liées à la démographie, à l'économie, aux familles et aux ménages des militaires et des vétérans. Ces renseignements aideront Anciens Combattants Canada et d'autres organismes de soutien aux vétérans, notamment les Forces armées canadiennes, le ministère de la Défense nationale et la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement, à mieux comprendre – et à mieux servir – les vétérans canadiens et leur famille.

Anciens Combattants Canada continuera de collaborer avec Statistique Canada et d'autres partenaires et intervenants pour bâtir un écosystème statistique pour la population de vétérans.

L'Équipe de mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants

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Le message au-dessus contient une énorme quantité de données et de déductions concernant les vétérans, mais vous serez probablement satisfait de l'image globale ici: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/220713/dq220713c-fra.htm>

Yours in the service of peace / Vôtre au service de la paix,

Wayne Mac Culloch CD  
National President / Président national

## **CHAPTER SUBMISSIONS**

### **From the HQ...**

The Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping would like to recognize the notable accomplishments of Retired (Major) Gordon Jenkins CD.

- 2005 - SHRINE: Legion of Honour - Citation of Honour Distinguished Service.
- 2009 - Canadian Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.
- 2012 - Diamond Jubilee Medal - Rideau Hall Ceremony.
- 2012 - Mayor of Ottawa - City Builder Award - Presented by the Mayor of Ottawa at a full Council Meeting.
- 2013 - Ottawa "Community Award" for service Ottawa Carleton School Board.
- 2015 - The Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan - Military Service Award.
- 2017 - Governor General of Canada - Sovereign Medal Award.
- 2018 - NATO Veterans Organization of Canada - NVOC - Top Gun Award.
- 2019 - "Quilt of Valour" presented to selected Military Personnel for Service/Valour while Serving Canada.

Well done, Gord!

### **From the Board of Directors**

I bring you greetings from the Executive of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP).

It is no secret that the last few months has been a terrible time for our Association. After the passing of Paul Greensides CD, our former Secretary / Treasurer and Headquarters Administrator for Members at Large, we embarked on a search for volunteers to fill positions.

I am very pleased to introduce our Membership to (1) CAVUNP National Secretary and Headquarters Chapter Administrator for Members at large Ronald R. Graves, (2) CAVUNP Webmaster and Assistant Editor of the Thin Blue Line Sylvain Bouliane and (3) our CAVUNP National Treasurer Gaetan Martel.

I thank our colleagues from the bottom of my heart for Volunteering to fill these positions. Our future looks very bright, and I look forward to working with all of our members and supporters.

Kindest regards and the very best wishes to all of our members.

Ron Griffis  
Chair – Bord of Directors

### **Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal**

Three Members of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) from Nova Scotia recently received the Queen Elizabeth 11's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia).

Nelson Mullen - President of the Willian C. Hall VC Greenwood Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping.

Thomas White - Founding Member of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and Past President of the MGEN LEWIS W. MACKENZIE Chapter in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Ronald R Griffis - Past President of the William C. Hall VC Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and presently Chairman Board of Directors CAVUNP.

We wish those members and other members of the CAVUNP that are recipients of the Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee Medal congratulations and the very best wishes.

## **From the Web manager...**

Greetings all!!! As the world is slowly returning to normal (within moderations), interest for our national website is still growing and is getting updated regularly. Visits to our website are also regular. As members from the various chapters are aging well, news and updates are getting far and few to populate the website. Some chapters are moving from their websites to a Facebook presence on the internet for news of their chapter. If you are not able to initiate a web presence or even a Facebook, I can help with this situation to create a presence to your members and the world. Your news, experiences and pictures are invaluable to share with our association.

I took on the role of webmaster from Frank Mitszta before he left us, and also had great help from Paul Greenside until he left us too. I'm hoping that you find the website useful and informative. More can certainly be done to pass on information...So, within a few months, a small survey will be created and available to send from the website to get your impressions and new ideas for the website. This is an important mean to stay connected with our membership. Till then....

Sylvain  
Webmaster

## **Gerry Tremblay CD Central Ontario Chapter**

Well, our chapter has been busy since our last submission. Several members of our chapters have received several awards. President Fern Taillefer received the Rotary Club of Barrie Vocational Service Award for 2021-2022.

This award is presented to an individual in the community for fulfilment of the Rotary Club Ideals of service and shown outstanding achievement and high standards in this vocation.



Unbeknownst to Fern, in November 2022, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil, Andrea Khanjin, stood up in the Legislature, to commemorate Fern Taillefer for being an outstanding constituent always supporting the community. She had the members of the legislature give a round of applause. Wow, what an honour.

On Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Fern received the Veteran Ombudsman Award for Life Time Achievement, for an exceptional contribution to the well-being of Veterans and their families.



On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Bob George and Fern Taillefer attended the office of MP John Brassard, Member of Parliament for Barrie-Innisfil. They were both congratulated on receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Volunteer Award. As you know, Ontario does not give out Platinum Jubilee medals, and in lieu gave out beautiful medallions and certificates. (Bob receiving is medallion and certificate)



Now for the worst news, someone has been vandalizing memorial parks in our area. The City of Barrie was hit and so was unfortunately Peacekeepers' Park in Angus. Now the damage to our park was minimal as four portraits were damaged with a sharp object scraping across the faces of the portraits. They will be replaced at a cost of \$160 per portrait which the chapter will take care of. We have been in contact with local authorities and Crime Stoppers. This was big news in your area. A project is underway to raise funds to bring power into the park for lighting and cameras.

This project will cost approximately One Hundred and Thirty Thousand dollars. We are well on our way to collecting the funds and have already raised several thousands. We have also received personal donations to assist us. One of the groups that has donated money for this project is our Catch-the-Ace committee from the Barrie Legion. They have donated over 12 thousand dollars to the park in the past and donated another \$2500 to go towards the lighting. Below is the Chair of Catch the Ace, Steve Glover presenting President Fern Taillefer with a cheque.

At our last Chapter meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, Central Ontario Chapter celebrated their 19<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter. We invited many dignitaries from the area as well as many of the local merchants who have made an impact to our park with donations. Special certificates were made and handed out to the various groups. Approximately 30 in all. What a wonderful event that was.



Work is underway as we speak for celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peacekeeping. A huge ceremony is being planned for Peacekeepers Park, with the reviewing officer being non other that General Lewis MacKenzie (Retired) himself. A special dinner is being planned for later that evening at the Barrie Legion. On the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Bob and Fern, as well as their spouses, attended Paul Greensides celebration of life in Gloucester. We met old friends and made new ones as well. Marion was very happy to see us as well as their adult children. It was a very moving ceremony, and we were happy to have made the trip. That is all the news for now. Hope everyone has a great summer.

## COLONEL DONALD S. ETHELL - CALGARY CHAPTER

When Alberta decided to present a QPJM, it was also decided that all living previous Lieutenant Governors would automatically be recipients of the medal. Thus, a presentation was arranged to be held at the Colonel Belcher Residence for Don Ethell, where he is a resident. The ceremony was held on November 18, 2022. Attached are some photos of his presentation.



Rick and I were invited to the Colonel Belcher to witness Don Ethell being presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal and to meet his previous staff when he was the Lt Gov and, of course, to meet the present Lt Gov. It was awesome to watch Don in his element interacting with everyone in the room.

His smile was wide and bright. The Lt Gov is a lovely woman, as is her husband. The Government made a great choice with this woman and her husband, they are genuine people with an honest interest in people.



Can you imagine our surprise when both Rick and I were presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal as well? I, for one, was overwhelmed. It was/is a great honour especially since Don was behind this great surprise.

## WHEELCHAIR QUILTS



Some time ago, Mrs. Marianna Hradec and Mrs. Faye Brown, both members of the Moyie Quilting Guild, Got the idea that it would be nice to do something for individuals that are confined to wheelchairs.

To date the two of them have produced 30 of these quilts, that have gone to the Creston legion in British Columbia as well, to the Don Ethell chapter C.A.V.U.N.P Calgary.

They also have just completed an additional five that will be going to Ottawa, to be given to people in the Ottawa area.

It should also be noted that these are not for sale and are given free of charge to the recipients. All their time and expertise were donated to their most worthy cause.

In the below photo is Daniel Boudreau of the Don Ethell chapter presenting Matthew Schovanek who was RCR seriously wounded with a wheelchair Quilt. They are accompanied by a member of the Col. Belcher staff...



Matthew Schovanek received a replacement RCR pin after his was “removed” from his room. Matt had previously received a wheelchair quilt. Matt is blind but can tell with feel that this was the right pin. The pin was donated by Linda Wright’s cousin’s husband (Jack Buckley) who has just retired, and this was his original RCR cap badge.



Quilts of Valour - Canada Society

20,443  
Quilts of Valour™  
Presented  
to date



Also receiving their Quilt of Valour:



Col Don Ethel  
Peacekeeper & past AB Lt Gov



Bob MacPherson  
RCAF & Peacekeeping veteran



Mary Gerus  
WWII Veteran



John Ferguson  
Army Veteran



## IN MEMORY



### **Joseph Laurent Lagacé - February 5, 1933 - February 21, 2023**



On February 21, 2023, Joseph Laurent (Larry) Lagace, beloved husband of Bernadette Lagace (1937-2004), passed peacefully at the age of 90. On February 5, 1933, Larry was born in a small New Brunswick fishing village of Belledune and raised in Pointe Verte.

At 19, he joined the Canadian Forces. In 1952, he was deployed to Korea as a Combat Engineer - his proudest moment of being in the military.

In 1956, Larry and Bernadette fell in love and married in October, thus starting a lifelong adventure of family and postings. In late summer, 1957 they had their first child. Shortly after, in 1958 with a child in hand, they moved to Shilo, MB, and finished having their family of four.

Larry's final posting was in Winnipeg in 1970. In 1975, Dad retired as Master Warrant Officer, bought his first and only home in Charleswood and gave his family stability. Dad worked for the public sector, on base, and retired in 1995. He enjoyed retirement with his love, Bernadette. Larry and Bernie made St. Charles Parish their special place as Eucharistic Ministers.

He also enjoyed the Knights of Columbus, Korean Veterans Association, baseball, curling and making sure our mom was not adding barbeque sauce on his food - he was very fussy.

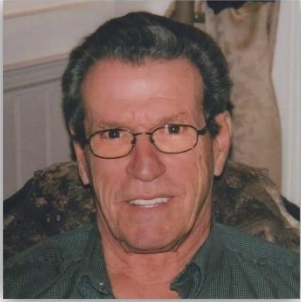
He also had the great pleasure of watching his family grow with the addition of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Indeed, just two weeks prior to his death, the family came together to celebrate his 90th birthday at Deer Lodge.

He passed as all soldiers should - with respect and honour. He was escorted from his room by his grandson, an Afghanistan Veteran, with the Canadian Flag draped over his body and given a final salute. He was a member in good standing with the LGen R.R. Crabbe Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veteran United Nations Peacekeeping.

May He Rest in Peace

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## Normand Fredette – Janvier 1936- Janvier 2023



Le 15 janvier 2023. À l'âge de 86 ans. Originaire de St-Jean-du-Richelieu, le Sdt Fredette s'est enrôlé dans les forces de réserve en 1954 avec le Royal Canadian Hussars, il y passe quatre années et quitte la réserve en 1958. Deux années plus tard, il décide de rejoindre les Forces Armées Canadiennes en s'enrôlant dans la force active le 29 septembre 1960.

Après sa formation de recrue, il est muté au 1er Bataillon de Royal 22e Régiment à Valcartier. À l'unité, il effectue diverse formations et cours. Avec les troubles qui se déroulent entre les Grecs et les Turques sur l'île de Chypre, il fait partie du premier contingent des forces des Nations Unies qui seront déployés sur l'île Méditerranéenne dans le cadre de l'opération SNOWGOOSE.

Il quitte donc le Canada au mois de mars 1964 et sera de retour au pays au mois d'aout de la même année. Suivant son retour au pays, il demeure à l'unité encore plusieurs années. Il prendra sa retraite en 1966, après 6 années de service.

Suivant se retraite, le Sdt Fredette continuera de travailler pour la Défense en tant qu'employé civil à la base militaire de St-Jean de 1970 à 1992. Tout au cours de sa carrière le Sdt Fredette fut impliqué auprès de diverses associations que ce soit la Légion royale canadienne filiale 79, l'Association du R22eR, succursale Fort St-Jean, etc.

Le drapeau Régimentaire sera mis en berne le samedi 4 février 2023. Je me souviens

Qu'il Repose En Paix

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## Richard (Rick) M. Publicover, CD - 04 April 1947 – 8 January 2023



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

Rick joined the Canadian Armed Forces in May 1966, serving with the 2nd Battalion Canadian Guards from 1966 to 1970 and the 3rd Battalion RCR from 1970 to 1980.

His military deployments included public duties in Ottawa in 1967 and 1969. The FLQ Crisis in Ottawa and Montreal in 1970, the Kingston Penitentiary Riot in 1971, and the Millhaven Prison Break in 1972.

Rick served a United Nations Mission with United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP) during 1976–1977.

Rick was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches 129, 2, 263, and 317 for a total of 39 years.

May He Rest in Peace

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**Michael G. Comeau CD – Dec 1941 - Dec 2022**



Mike peacefully passed away at home on Friday, December 23, 2022, at 81 years of age. He was retired from the Canadian Armed Forces and the Toronto Transit Commission TTC).

Beloved husband of Carol for 41 years. Loving dad of Deborah Comeau, Shelley (Steve) Vallance, Cindy (Bill) Cowtan and Wendy Chase. Proud grampy of Adam (Gabriela), David, Holly; Tyler (Jody), Zach; Chris (Purvaja); and Haileigh. Cherished great grampy of Rory. Survived by his sisters Stella, Dolores, Yvonne and brother Bill. Mike will also be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe Road, Bradford on Sunday, January 15, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. followed by a ceremony in the Spring at Peacekeepers Park in Angus.

May He Rest in Peace

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**William Paul Greensides CD - April 21, 1942 - November 22, 2022**



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of William Paul Greensides in his 81st year on November 22, 2022. Born in Stratford, ON. Wife - Marion of 34 years. Son - Stephen (Nathalie). Daughter - Shana. Stepsons - John (Annette) MacDonald and Michael (Kelly) MacDonald. Sister - Laurel (Jeff) Kowatsch. Seven grandchildren - Aneka, Alex, Vincent, Nathan, Dyson, Hannah, Gracie. Several nieces. Preceded by father and Mother: William (Bill) and Margaret Greensides, brothers: Robert, Glen, sister Jane and sister-in-law Karen.

Paul had an extensive military career. In 1959 he joined the Perth Regiment a Militia Highland Unit in Stratford, ON. Joining the Black Watch in 1960, he served in Germany. Postings included CFB Gagetown, Kyrenia, Cyprus, NDHQ Ottawa, Canadian Forces Station Carp] CFB Rockcliffe, Canadian Forces Station Holberg, BC, Royal Winnipeg Rifles MB, CFB Gagetown, CFB Trenton, ON, and NDHQ.

In 1996 he joined the Canadian Association of Veteran in United Nations serving 26 years as National Secretary-Treasurer- Membership Chairperson among other duties. Paul will be sadly missed by all. Paul was also very active in the Seniors' Club in his Condominium building.

May He Rest in Peace

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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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.

May She Rest in Peace

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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.

May He Rest in Peace

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**Robert Woodman**  
**13 February 1938 – 25 June 2022**

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

Robert joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in April 1956 and served until his release in October 1967.

He served a United Nations Mission with United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt (UNEF) with 115 Air Transport Unit during the period January 1964 to December 1964.

He was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150, Arichat, Nova Scotia.

May He Rest in Peace