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## **THE THIN BLUE LINE/SUR LA CORDE RAIDE EN BLEU**

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### **National President's Message – September 22, 2023**



The past year has been very busy from my vantage point. The untimely passing of Paul Greensides, our National Secretary-Treasurer-Membership Chair threw our Association into disarray for a considerable period of time, further compounded by our regalia supplier (Denis Ringuette, formerly Joe Drouin) going out of business. Pending the finding of volunteers to fill these vacancies, all of the duties fell to me since I was the only member of the existing Board of Directors living in Ottawa-Gatineau. I was quickly overwhelmed by the workload and my residence clogged with filing cabinets of hard copy files, several computer hard drives loaded with information and boxes of UN kit.

Finding volunteers was difficult, requiring months of searching and pleading, but three gallant members have come forward to fill the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair positions. Going forward I would ask that you engage these individuals first with your questions on current CAVUNP business, rather than me. These dedicated souls are:

National Secretary Ron Graves      [ronagraves@gmail.com](mailto:ronagraves@gmail.com)      in North Augusta ON

National Treasurer Gaétan Martel      [gaetan134@outlook.com](mailto:gaetan134@outlook.com)      in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu QC

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Still missing is someone to hold our stock of CAVUNP items and sell it as required. It doesn't take much space and Marlene Schmidle, Joe Drouin's widow, is willing to continue to use her contacts to re-order supplies as we run low but cannot store or individually sell items – that would be the responsibility of our new Kit Shop Manager. Please thoughtfully consider whether you could support CAVUNP in this role and let me know.

Changing topics, events marking the 75<sup>th</sup> continuous year of Canadian Peacekeeping service has had mixed results. I had formally requested the issue of a commemorative postage stamp from Canada Post and a commemorative circulation coin from the Royal Canadian Mint, but neither request ever received a response despite follow-up efforts. I had also requested that the Federal Government declare 2023 the Year of the Peacekeeping Veteran, similar to 2005 being the Year of the Veteran and 2013 being the Year of the Korean War Veteran. An event in Parliament was planned for early February and Peacekeeping Veterans selected to attend it, but it was cancelled at the last moment.

In contrast, Peacekeepers' Day was well marked by Peacekeeping Veterans. CPVA held a ceremony in Victoria on August 9<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by the new Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, and she was also present at the CAVUNP-organized national ceremony in Ottawa on August 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, MGen (Retd) Lew MacKenzie and I were among the guests at the Gerry Tremblay, CD, Central Ontario Chapter observance in Angus on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Looking ahead, 2024 will be another important milestone for Canadian Peacekeepers: the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the downing of UN Flight 51 and the greatest single Canadian Peacekeeping service loss of life. I will take another run at Canada Post, the Royal Canadian Mint, and His Majesty's Government, aiming to get better results this time around.

It will also be time for our Biennial General Meeting – an essential activity if we are to remain a not-for-profit business enterprise. Unfortunately, no Chapter has yet taken on this activity and time is marching on. I am hoping for a blended Zoom/in-person meeting next year, to ease the financial burden on those at too great a distance for economical travel, yet preserving the important social occasions associated with the event and the strengthening of existing friendships. Again, if your Chapter could undertake to host this occasion, I would be most grateful.

In closing, I want to tell you that CAVUNP is highly respected by both Government and other Veterans organizations, as witnessed by the number of invitations to commemorations and requests for our opinions and advice on Veterans matters. Certainly, our UN Blue blazers do stand out in a crowd on all occasions, and I encourage you to wear our regalia on all appropriate occasions.

Until the next issue, I wish all of you a pleasant autumn, a mild winter, and a happy festive season!

In the service of peace,

Wayne Mac Culloch, CD  
National President

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## Message du président national



L'année écoulée a été très chargée de mon point de vue. Le décès prématuré de Paul Greensides, notre secrétaire-trésorier national et président des adhésions, a plongé notre association dans le désarroi pendant une période considérable, aggravée par la faillite de notre fournisseur d'insignes (Denis Ringuette, anciennement Joe Drouin). En attendant de trouver des bénévoles pour combler ces postes vacants, toutes les fonctions m'incombaient puisque j'étais le seul membre du conseil d'administration existant résidant à Ottawa-Gatineau. J'ai rapidement été submergé par la charge de travail et ma résidence était encombrée de classeurs remplis de dossiers papier, de plusieurs disques durs d'ordinateur chargés d'informations et de boîtes de matériel de l'ONU.

Trouver des bénévoles a été difficile, nécessitant des mois de recherche et de plaidoyer, mais trois vaillants membres se sont présentés pour occuper les postes de secrétaire, de trésorier et de président des adhésions. À l'avenir, je vous demanderais d'abord de poser des questions à ces personnes sur les activités actuelles de l'ACVFPNU, plutôt qu'à moi. Ces âmes dévouées sont:

Secrétaire national Ron Graves      [ronagraves@gmail.com](mailto:ronagraves@gmail.com)      à North Augusta ON

Trésorier national Gaétan Martel      [gaetan134@outlook.com](mailto:gaetan134@outlook.com)      à St. Jean-sur-Richelieu QC

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Il manque toujours quelqu'un pour conserver notre stock d'articles du CAVUNP et le vendre au besoin. Cela ne prend pas beaucoup de place et Marlene Schmiddle, la veuve de Joe Drouin, est prête à continuer à utiliser ses contacts pour commander à nouveau des fournitures alors que nous manquons de fournitures, mais ne peut pas stocker ou vendre individuellement des articles – ce serait la responsabilité de notre nouvelle Directrice de boutique de matériel. Veuillez réfléchir attentivement si vous pourriez soutenir l'ACVFPNU dans ce rôle et faites-le-moi savoir.

Les sujets changeant, les événements marquant la 75<sup>e</sup> année continue de service canadien de maintien de la paix ont eu des résultats mitigés. J'avais officiellement demandé l'émission d'un timbre-poste commémoratif à Postes Canada et d'une pièce de circulation commémorative à la Monnaie royale canadienne, mais aucune de ces demandes n'a jamais reçu de réponse malgré les efforts de suivi. J'avais également demandé que le gouvernement fédéral déclare 2023 Année des anciens combattants du maintien de la paix, à l'image de 2005, Année des anciens combattants, et 2013, Année des anciens combattants de la guerre de Corée. Un

événement au Parlement était prévu début février et des vétérans du maintien de la paix ont été sélectionnés pour y assister, mais il a été annulé au dernier moment.

En revanche, la Journée des Casques bleus a été bien marquée par les anciens combattants du maintien de la paix. Le CPVA a tenu une cérémonie à Victoria le 9 août, à laquelle a assisté le nouveau ministre des Anciens Combattants, l'hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, et elle était également présente à la cérémonie nationale organisée par l'ACVFPNU à Ottawa le 13 août. De plus, le Mgén (à la retraite) Lew MacKenzie et moi étions parmi les invités à la célébration de la section Gerry Tremblay, CD, Centre de l'Ontario, à Angus le 9 août. Pour l'avenir, 2024 sera une autre étape importante pour les Casques bleus canadiens: le 50e anniversaire de la destruction du vol 51 de l'ONU et la plus grande perte de vies humaines au sein d'un service canadien de maintien de la paix. Je ferai une autre tentative auprès de Postes Canada, de la Monnaie royale canadienne et du gouvernement de Sa Majesté, dans le but d'obtenir de meilleurs résultats cette fois-ci.

Ce sera également le moment de notre assemblée générale biennale – une activité essentielle si nous voulons demeurer une entreprise commerciale à but non lucratif. Malheureusement, aucun Chapitre n'a encore entrepris cette activité et le temps passe. J'espère organiser une réunion mixte Zoom/en personne l'année prochaine, afin d'alléger le fardeau financier de ceux qui se trouvent trop loin pour voyager économiquement, tout en préservant les occasions sociales importantes associées à l'événement et en renforçant les amitiés existantes. Encore une fois, si votre chapitre pouvait entreprendre d'accueillir cette occasion, je lui en serais très reconnaissant.

En terminant, je tiens à vous dire que le CAVUNP est hautement respecté tant par le gouvernement que par d'autres organisations de Vétérans, comme en témoigne le nombre d'invitations à des commémorations et de demandes d'opinions et de conseils sur les questions liées aux Vétérans. Il est certain que nos blazers ONU bleue se démarquent dans la foule en toutes occasions, et je vous encourage à porter nos insignes à toutes les occasions appropriées.

En attendant le prochain numéro, je vous souhaite à tous un agréable automne, un hiver doux et de joyeuses fêtes de fin d'année !

Au service de la paix,

Wayne Mac Culloch, CD

Président national



## International Peacekeepers' Day by Richard Lawrence



It gets confusing when you have two events celebrating what appears to be the same thing. This is how it was for me as International Peacekeepers' Day was celebrated by a remembrance ceremony at the National War Memorial (NWM) on the 29th of May 2023, and I'm used to the Peacekeepers' Day Remembrance Ceremony held at the Reconciliation Monument on or near the 9th of August every year. It's also confusing when you see the same faces at each, both police and military veterans. Now I know the difference is in the names which define the scope of the event. The first is INTERNATIONAL Day of UN Peacekeepers and is held on May 29th. The second is the NATIONAL Peacekeepers' Day and is on August 9th and is specific to Canada and organized by the CAVUNP.

So, with that in mind, this 20th anniversary of International Peacekeepers' Day was recently celebrated remembering all of the UN Peacekeepers from around the world that have lost their lives in the line of duty as well as the 75th anniversary of international peacekeeping.

It was a beautiful day at the NWM with a contingent of ex-military and a contingent of police peacekeeping veterans on parade. The Indigenous community was well represented as Aurel Dubé welcomed the guests to the unceded land, both the CAF and the RCMP had their Eagle

Staffs in places of honour, and Wendy Jocko, former Chief, helped with the Act of Remembrance. There were many guests of distinction including various Defence Attachés and Senator (RAdm ret'd) Rebecca Patterson and the primary speaker for the ceremony was the Minister of Veteran Affairs, Lawrence MacAulay.



International Peacekeepers' Day Remembrance Ceremony

All went well with only three wreaths being laid, so it was a relatively quick ceremony, although non-the-less important in remembering over 125,000 Canadians that have participated in UN Peacekeeping and those that have lost their lives, both military and police.



Our new Minister of Veterans Affairs,

## The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, MP

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*Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence*

*Represents the riding of Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe*

*The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Moncton—Riverview—Dieppe in 2015. She has previously served as Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, as Minister of Health, and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.*

*Minister Petitpas Taylor has worked with all orders of government, and focused on local infrastructure development, senior services, and investments in jobs and the local economy. As Canada's Minister of Health, she also worked on behalf of all Canadians in many challenging areas of public health, including combatting the opioid crisis, creating a science-based Canada's Food Guide, and overseeing the legalization of cannabis.*

*Before entering politics, Minister Petitpas Taylor worked for the Canadian Mental Health Association in Saint John and had a 23-year career as a social worker and Victims Services Coordinator for the Codiac Regional Royal Canadian Mounted Police. During that time, she provided crisis counselling, domestic violence intervention, and domestic violence risk assessment to victims of crime. She also served on the City of Moncton's Public Safety Advisory Committee, which was commissioned by Moncton City Council in 1996 to proactively influence the community through crime prevention promotion and to help Council respond to problematic issues as they arise.*

*Minister Petitpas Taylor has spent her entire life advocating for a fair and just society for all. She has been the Chair of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women and a member of the Coalition for Pay Equity. She has volunteered with several community organizations, both provincially and locally, including the Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships and the Canadian Mental Health Association's local Suicide Prevention Committee in Moncton.*

*Minister Petitpas Taylor grew up in Dieppe, New Brunswick, as the youngest of nine children, and graduated from the Université de Moncton with a Bachelor's degree in social work.*

# **CHAPTER SUBMISSIONS**

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

How time flies!!! It has been a year since Elizabeth II, queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, died on 8 September 2022 at Balmoral Castle, at the age of 96. Elizabeth's reign was the longest of any British monarch. She was succeeded by her eldest son, Charles III, now our King. Below is a picture of the Trooping of the Colour on Parliament Hill. On the picture, I was in the Canadian Grenadiers Guards out of Montreal. (Right marker - because I was the tallest at the time !!!) Here is a picture of Syd Burrows, Flight Lieutenant, dated 29 June 1959 of Escorting Queen Elizabeth II, Through Royal Guard of Honour, Ottawa, Uplands Airport.



Ron Griffis  
Chair – Board of Directors

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

Please support our Ottawa events photographer, Richard Lawrence Photography, by visiting his website below: [richardlawrencephotography.ca](http://richardlawrencephotography.ca). Richard has been providing photography services for the CAVUNP Ottawa Chapter for many years. Richard has also agreed to post his comments for the last two major events that occurred in Ottawa during 2023, the International Peacekeeper's Day and the CAVUNP Ottawa Chapter for their Peacekeepers' Day. On behalf of the Ottawa Chapter and the CAVUNP Association, thank you so much for providing these memorable mementos for our Veterans.

Sylvain  
Webmaster



## Gerry Tremblay CD Central Ontario Chapter



This year's annual parade/ceremony at Peacekeepers' Park in Angus on Thursday, August 9, 2023, marked the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations Peacekeeping efforts around the world. Preparation for this event started last June when I invited retired Maj Gen Lewis MacKenzie to attend as our reviewing officer which he accepted. Our very own Don Ward, put together a beautiful poster advertising this special event. As well he prepared some incredible table tops and place mats.





Gen Mackenzie escorted by Bob George inspecting the troops on parade

The event started with a breakfast at 0730 hrs at the Angus Stack House Restaurant just outside base Borden. That was followed by a flag raising ceremony with Gen Mackenzie and the Base Commander.

I spoke with the Commander 16 Wing, at CFB Borden and requested a fly-by for the ceremony. I could not believe the paperwork involved for this request. Fortunately for us, it was approved, and a fly-by took place over the park. A total of three fly-past with a C130 Hercules, it was the highlight of the ceremony.



Commander 16 Wing Col Coté and honorary Col Renee van Kessel



C130 Hercules

We had several dignitaries at the ceremony. They included Base Commander, 4 Silver Cross Mothers, Wayne MacCulloch, National President CAVUNP, several Honorary Colonels, the Veteran Ombudsman, Members of Federal and Provincial Governments as well as several local Mayors.



Above, Base Commander Col Michaud and BCWO CPO1 Wilcox laying a wreath on behalf of Canadian Armed Forces escorted by Herman Van Rossum



Commander 16 Wing, Col Doré, Hon Col 16 Wing, Renee van Kessel, MPP Doug Downey, Veteran Ombudsman Nishika Jardine, and MP John Brassard

A special presentation was made to one of our members Bob Allen who served in Cyprus in 72-73. He was presented with the CPSM which was pinned on him by Gen MacKenzie. This was a total surprise to him.



General Mackenzie pinning the medal on Bob Allen and writer looking on.



A total of 28 wreath were laid. Above is a photograph of Bob George escorting Mrs. Colette Tremblay laying a wreath on behalf of the chapter. Mrs. Tremblay is the widow of Gerry Tremblay who we named the chapter after. The ceremony culminated with several speeches.



Above is our very own National President Wayne MacCulloch giving his speech. We can't thank him enough for attending and participating in our ceremony.  
Thank you, Wayne.



Photograph of Wayne MacCulloch, and General Mackenzie leaving the ceremony in a marked United Nations jeep and attending the local legion for the reception.

A special dinner was held at the Barrie Legion later that evening to commemorate this event. Good time was had by all. Two special presentations were made, one to Bob George for his outstanding and continued support to Peacekeepers Park and one to the General, presented by myself and our artist Don Ward. A portrait of the General and the Sarajevo airport. Beautiful portrait by our most talented artist.

This was followed the very next day with our annual golf tournament which was organized by Mike Mihalus. What a job he did. We had over 100 golfers and raised over \$5,000.00 for the park. Great job Mike.

Thank you to all of our Chapter members. It is an honour to be your President.

### **William C. Hall, VC - Greenwood-Kingston Nova Scotia**

A photograph of members of the William C. Hall, VC, Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) located in Greenwood-Kingston Nova Scotia. A meeting was held on August 9th, 2023, celebrating Peacekeepers Day 2023 at the Royal Canadian Legion located in Kingston, Nova Scotia.



The members attending the get-to-gether are from the left Frank Thibeau, Joe Lynk, Ron Cornwell, Nelson Mullen (Chapter President), Bob Hebb, Leo Veinot, Al McNabb, Norm Moffat and Cordel Levy.



Nelson Mullen, Chapter President of the William C. Hall, VC, Chapter President with respect to another photo from the August 9th, 2023, Peacekeepers Day get-to-gether at the Royal Canadian Legion located in Greenwood-Kingston, Nova Scotia.

Also, some guests for the event: Colonel Davis, Nelson Mullen (Chapter President) Brian Hirtle, MLA Chris Palmer and Wing CWO Proulx

## LGen R.R. Crabbe Chapter, Winnipeg Chapter

On 25 July, I was invited to attend the Unveiling of a Plaque in the Legislature.

James Teitsma, Minister of Consumer Protection and Government Services. His department is responsible for receiving and approving. Len Isleifson, Special Envoy for Military Affairs. Lois Mallet, Responsible for having Plaque fabricated. The Honorable Scott Johnson, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care, and Mr. Dwight MacAulay, the former Chief of Protocol for the Province of Manitoba.



Lois Mallet, over the past three years strived to come up with a plan to have a Plaque, honoring the Families who stayed behind, Keeping the Home Front secure, mounted on the Wall of Honor at the Legislative Building. After extensive research, she reached out to the Royal Canadian Legion, the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping, and a couple of Private Donators...namely Pedro Correia, President of the Portuguese War Veterans and Charles H. Cameron, President of the CAVUNP. This unveiling finally came to fruition on 25 July 2023. Congratulations to all who assisted with this endeavor for such a great cause...Past...Present...Future...

29 July 2023, saw the Peacekeepers work the ANAVETS Meat Draw, along with Donna Hartie, 2nd VP ANAVETS and Youth Group Co-ordinator, selling 1,244 tickets towards prizes.

The Raffle Tickets for the UN colored Handmade Pin Wheel design Quilt were all sold on 29 July 2023. Thank you to all who either sold or purchased these tickets. Our Association has sponsored one of the 18 Holes towards the Dream Charity Golf Tournament that sponsors the Homes for Heroes Project here in Winnipeg, being held at Bel Acres Golf and Country Club on 30 August 2023.

The 6th of August saw the Peacekeepers hold a Memorial Service, commemorating 49 years since the tragic loss of Nine Peacekeepers in the shooting down of the 115461 Buffalo Aircraft



over the Lebanese/Syrian Border on 09 August 1974. The Memorial Service commenced at 13:00 hours. Pamela Shaw from Veterans Affairs Canada was in attendance, the honorable Kevin Klein, Minister for Environment and Climate could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances. The Portuguese Veterans, Metis, Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, ANAVETS, and Royal Canadian Legion were in attendance.

We were honored to have a Couple of Ukrainian bystanders on hand taking photos...our Bugler, Matthew Meunier, of The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, and our Bag Piper, George Morrison.

After the Memorial Service, we gathered at the 283 ANAVETS East Wall to hold the Draw at 15:00 hours. Thanks to Donna Hartie and Gord Watt, with the approval of the ANAVETS President, Bill Sadler for the use of their DRUM, in which all 1,000 folded tickets were placed, with Donna Hartie, 2nd Vice President looking on.

Pam Shaw, then, after spinning the Tickets in the Drum made the Draw. Ticket Number 960, belonging to former HLCol Barry Rempel, was drawn. Barry was contacted shortly afterwards, and a photo was taken with Barry and his wife, with Charles Cameron, President of the Peacekeepers displaying the Blanket. Pictured below.



On 19 August 2023, at the Brookside Cemetery, the Memorial Service for the Hong Kong Veterans was held. A showing of Peacekeepers, Portuguese Veterans, Metis, Indigenous and local Political attended.

On 30 August 2023, some people in our Chapter went golfing in the Dream Charity Golf Tournament at the Bel Acres Golf and Country Club...here in Winnipeg...all proceeds going to the Homes for Heroes.

More to follow:

If anyone knows where a UN Blue Jacket can be purchased, I have a Chap in our Chapter looking for one...

Charles H. Cameron CD  
President CAVUNP  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

### **Trooper Mark A. Wilson (London) Chapter**

MP Lindsay Mathyssen spoke and laid a wreath at our Peacekeeper Day / Korea Veterans Ceremony back on Sunday, August 6. Lindsey delivered a well received address to those present, which included her mother, the former MP of the same riding of London-Fanshawe, and her father. Irene and Keith Mathyssen are well connected to volunteer efforts at both our local Legion branch and Remembrance Gardens.

Sharing the unlisted YouTube slideshow, I created to have a better viewing experience than using the web photographer's website. The link is to an unlisted video on my private YouTube page. <https://youtu.be/7SYoN1mD3GA>

The ceremony was a huge success. The only improvement for next year is to have more UN Peacekeeping vets in attendance, standing on the parade, to fill in the ranks. Our numbers in the VIP seating met the standard, other than a few more parliamentarians. Save the date for next year, August 2024.

In the service of peace / Au service de la paix,

Greg Palmer | President  
Trooper Mark A. Wilson (London) Chapter

# SUCCURSALE MAJOR-GÉNÉRALE ALAIN R. FORAND

## PRÉSENTATION DE LA PREMIÈRE COURTEPOINTE

Le 23 août 2023 dans un geste de soutien et de camaraderie, « une première » courtepointe de gratitude, un don portant le nom de la succursale Major-général Alain Forand de l'association des vétérans de la Force de paix des Nation-Unies fut présentée à notre camarade onusien Pierre (Airborne Pete) Gaudreault. Ce dernier en profita pour nous remercier sincèrement de ce geste tout en nous gratifiant de quelques anecdotes joyeuses et colorées encourues « durant ses années de militaire.» Merci à toi Pierre. Fier de Servir...Fier d'Avoir Servi.



De g à dr debout – standing l to r: Yves LaBarre, Gaétan Martel, Mgén (ret.) Alain R. Forand, Romuald (Mike) Miclette. En avant avec la courtepointe/with the Quilt : Pierre (Airborne Pete) Gaudreault et Michel Déa.

## PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST BRANCH QUILT

On August 23, 2023, in a gesture of support and camaraderie, "a first" a quilt of gratitude, a donation bearing the name of the Major-General Alain Forand branch of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping was presented to our UN comrade Pierre (Airborne Pete) Gaudreault. The latter took the opportunity to sincerely thank us for this gesture while rewarding us with some joyful and colorful anecdotes incurred "during his years in the military." Thank you, Pierre. Proud to Serve.... Proud to have served.

## SGT FRANK POLEY-PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER

Photos from the Peterborough Peacekeeper memorial Dedication. This dedication took place at the General CAVUNP meeting in Peterborough in 2022.



Major (Retired) Lee-Anne Quinn, Major General Lewis MacKenzie and Padre Rev Frank Patrick cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the new Peterborough Peacekeeper Monument



Wayne and Major General MacKenzie



Some of the CAVUNP attendees

## **COLONEL DONALD S. ETHELL - CALGARY CHAPTER**

The attached photograph is of CAVUNP Member Tom Hradec and his partner Marianna Paczekne-Hudak. Tom lives in Moyie, British Columbia and is a member of our Calgary Chapter.

Tom does a lot for Veterans and is deserving of recognition for his work. Recently the group that is associated with Tom donated several quilts to Veterans for their use. The TBL wishes recognize Tom and Thank him for his efforts.



CAVUNP Member Tom Hradec and his partner Marianna Paczekne-Hudak.

## QUILTS FOR VETERANS



A big thanks to Faye and Marianna for their hard work supporting veterans!

Mrs Faye Brown (left) and Mrs Marianna Hradec (right) are active members of the Moyie Quilting Guild. Marianna is the wife of Tom Hradec, former National President of CAVUNP. The ladies made five beautiful handsewn lap quilts for veterans. They sent them to the Col John Gardam Chapter for presentation to veterans at Perley Health.



On July 28, 2023, Kerry Mould (far right), President of the John Gardam Chapter and David Rath (right rear), Immediate Past President, had the honour of presenting the five lap quilts. Two of the Perley's residents, Beryl (seated), a WWII RCAF veteran, and Bob Frenette (far left), a Military Police veteran, accepted the quilts on behalf of the Perley Health veterans.

## COLONEL JOHN GARDAM – OTTAWA CHAPTER

# National Peacekeepers' Day – 2023 by Richard Lawrence



On the 9th of August, 1974, a United Nations Buffalo aircraft flying over Egypt was shot out of the sky by a Syrian air defence missile. On that plane were nine Canadian Armed Forces personnel involved in a peacekeeping mission who were killed on what was supposed to be a routine resupply mission to the presence in the Golan Heights. To this day, it is still the largest single loss of Canadian lives since Canada began participating in UN Peacekeeping missions in 1948. That is why the closest Sunday to the 9th of August is selected as National Peacekeepers' Day every year with this year's remembrance ceremony being held at the Reconciliation Monument, Ottawa, on Sunday the 13th on what as perfect day of moderate temperatures with a mix of sun and cloud.



Reconciliation Monument – 13th August 2023

This year, besides commemorating the fallen members of the CAF, RCMP, and other police forces and civilians, this ceremony also celebrated the 75th year of uninterrupted peace keeping by Canadians. The only unfortunate note was that the ceremony was moved an hour earlier than in previous years and not everyone got the memo.

The reviewing officer for the UN Veterans, CAF members, and Police contingent members was RCMP Deputy Commissioner Bryan Larkin who, along with the parade commander Assistant Commissioner Graham Muir, quickly moved down the front rank of the parade contingent, stopping to speak to a few peacekeepers along the way about their service.



RCMP D/Commr Bryan Larkin inspects the parade

For the commemorative portion of the program, this ceremony does not place wreaths in front of the monument but instead places bouquets of flowers into repurposed cannon barrels set in a block and aimed skywards: weapons transformed into flower pots, if you will. The first to do so were the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Ginette Petitpas-Taylor along with RCMP D/Commr Larkin. The second bouquet was placed by MGen. Denis O'Reilly representing the Chief of the Defence Staff with the final bouquet placed by Ms. Tanya Bellhumeur-Allatt, accompanied by LCol (ret'd) Nishika Jardine (Veterans Ombudsman) representing veterans families and the Canadian fallen.





MGen Denis O'Reilly places flowers on behalf of the CDS and the Canadian Armed Forces

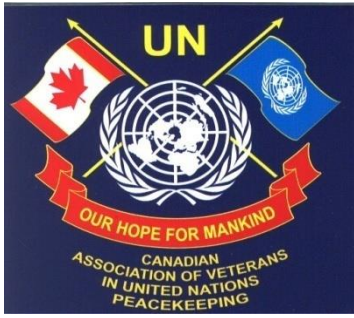
Remarks were presented by Minister Petitpas-Taylor, who praised the peacekeeper members and reviewed some of their history, also noting that 130 peacekeeping members have lost their lives in the last 75 years. RCMP D/Commr Larkin followed with his remarks, also acknowledging the 150th anniversary of the RCMP and the first deployment of the RCMP (100-member contingent) in a peacekeeping mission to Namibia in 1989. He also pointed out that the role of peacekeepers is not to impose a way of life on others but that...

“Our peacekeepers don’t set out to impose the Canadian way of life in other parts of the world. In fact, they help create safe, stable, places for people to determine their own path and determine their own future. Their ongoing work to create [a] safer world helps us enjoy a safer Canada. And for that we say thank you.”

After his remarks, he turned the parade back over to the parade commander and the official party left the parade. As soon as they were off the square the parade was dismissed and guests lingered around the monument getting their pictures taken in front of the “In the Service of Peace” inscription on the monument wall or with the Peacekeeper’s flag overhead.



Pictures after the event in front of the monument.



## IN MEMORY



### **Adjutant-Chef (retraité) Gilles Beaudoin CD Octobre 3, 1943 - Juillet 6, 2023**



C'est avec une grande tristesse que la famille de l'adjutant-chef (ret) Joseph Camille Gilles Alberry Beaudoin annonce son décès survenu le 6 juillet 2023. Il était membre du Chapitre d'Ottawa.

It is with great sadness that the family of Chief Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Joseph Camille Gilles Alberry Beaudoin announces his passing on July 6, 2023. He was a member of the Ottawa Chapter.

May He Rest in Peace

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

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### **Robert (Bob) Charles Ware CD August 26 1936 - July 19 2023**



Bob was a current Member as well as Past President of the Frank Poley Chapter in Peterborough and was instrumental in seeing the successful completion of the Peacekeepers Memorial project in Quaker Oats Park in Peterborough on Canada Day 2022.

Bob served 26 years with the Royal Canadian Air Force, nine of those with Search and Rescue. He was deployed in France, Egypt, and Pakistan with the United Nations.

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**General (Retired) Paul D. Manson, OC, CMM, CD**  
**AUGUST 20, 1934 - JULY 1, 2023**

Former Chief of the Defence Staff



On Saturday, July 1, 2023, at the age of 88 years in the presence of his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife and dear companion of 66 years, Margaret (née Nickel). Dear father of Bob (Joanne), Cathy (LCol David Wiley), Peter (Pamela), Karen (Andrew Hanlon), and grandfather of Christopher, Matthew (Samantha), Ross, Emily (Todd), and Willow. Also remembered by brother Tony (Ann, deceased), of Toronto, and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Robert and Mary Manson of Deep River, ON, and sisters Marie and Claire.

Born in Trail, BC and raised in Montreal and Deep River, Paul attended Royal Roads Military College in Victoria and Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, graduating in 1956 with the Sword of Honour. He received BSc degrees in electrical engineering from Queen's University and RMC, and honorary doctorates from both Royal Roads and RMC. His life of exemplary leadership began with 38 years of military service as a pilot in NATO Europe and Canada, and saw him rise to positions of increasing responsibility, including Base Commander at CFB Chatham, NB, Commander of the Canadian Air Group in Germany, and Program Manager of the New Fighter Aircraft Program, leading to the selection of the CF-18 Hornet in the late 1970s. He commanded the Air Force from 1983 to 1985 and was Canada's Chief of the Defence Staff from 1986 to 1989.

Following military service, he became president of a large aerospace company, retiring in 1997. He will be remembered for his significant contribution to the creation of the new Canadian War Museum as volunteer chairman of the Passing the Torch Campaign, and as Chair of the Building Committee. He was Chair of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada and of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, and President of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute. He also served for five years as a trustee of the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Among his many honours were the C.D. Howe Award (1992), the Vimy Award (2003), the Order of Military Merit, the RMC Wall of Honour (2009), and induction into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (2018). In 2002, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada. He was a frequent commentator on radio and TV on defence and security issues and wrote numerous articles on related subjects. A truly modern renaissance man, Paul Manson actively pursued lifelong interests in astronomy, archaeology, history, and genealogy. In spite of an extremely busy professional life, his loving dedication to his family never diminished, and he always found time for friends and his beloved pursuit of golf and music. He was a longtime member of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club. A skilled trombonist, he played in several bands well into his later years.

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**Anthony (Tony) McNeil, CD**

**3 Sep 1938 – 14 Jun 2023**



Tony passed away peacefully at home at the age of 84. He was a member of CAVUNP Ottawa Chapter/

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**A. Peter (Pete) Sleeman**

**15 May 1939 – 19 July 2023**



With heavy hearts the family announce the passing of ALLAN PETER ‘PETE’ SLEEMAN.

Pete spent 8 1/2 years in the Canadian Army which included a 12-month term in the Middle East serving United Nations and several years as a paratrooper.

After his release from the service, he returned to Cornwall and worked in sales, as a bus driver for the city, Manager of Cornwall Legion, and a driver for Nav Canada until retirement in 2021. He was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 and a member of RCAFA Wing 424. of Cornwall ON. He joined the CAF on 29 Jan 1955 and was released on 30 Sep 1963, for which service he was awarded the following awards: CPSM, UNEF and Commissionaires Long Service Medal. He was a member of the Colonel John Gardam Chapter (Ottawa) from Nov 2007 to 2011.

Pete had a sharp sense of humor, he chatted with everyone he met, and he boated and loved the waters of the St. Lawrence River, and we’ll take him there one more time.

May He Rest in Peace

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30 April 2024

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