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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Oct 2026

Footsteps of Canadian Heroes

On Wednesday, August 19, 2026, Madeleine (my wife) and I were travelling southbound on the Trans-Canada Highway in New Brunswick, approaching the Town of Salisbury and the Irving Service Centre. We decided to stop for a break, stretch our legs, and have a coffee. We parked our vehicle near Tim Hortons, and Madeleine went inside to order a couple of coffees.

While looking around the parking area, I noticed a truck and trailer bearing the logo "Footsteps of Canadian Heroes." I had never seen this truck-and-trailer combination before, so I thought I would take a few photographs.

I went into Tim Hortons and asked Madeleine for her iPhone so I could take some pictures. While standing in line, a gentleman in front of her noticed that I was a Veteran. He asked me if I would be interested in taking a tour of the trailer. I replied, "Yes, absolutely." After he received his coffee, we met outside beside the trailer. He opened the rear doors and invited me inside to have a look.

What I saw was truly remarkable. The trailer contained numerous photographs honouring Canadian Veterans who are no longer with us, including many who lost their lives in Afghanistan. It was an impressive and moving tribute to our fallen Canadian heroes. We spoke for several minutes, and he explained that they were returning home after attending a "Heroes Highway" installation in Nova Scotia.

Inside the trailer, I also noticed several books containing thousands of signatures from Veterans who had visited and supported their initiative. I was honoured to add my own signature to the book. We exchanged business cards, and I received information about their organization.

During our conversation, I learned that they do not ask for donations and do not sell anything. The truck and trailer are maintained and operated by the couple themselves. They apparently live just west of Ottawa and dedicate their time to keeping the memory of Canada's fallen heroes alive.

It was certainly an unexpected encounter during a routine coffee stop, but one that Madeleine and I will remember for a long time. It was a privilege to meet people who are dedicating their time and effort to honouring those who served and sacrificed for Canada.

Footsteps of Canadian Heroes
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“HONOURING CANADA'S FALLEN.
SUPPORTING HOMES FOR HEROES.”

Ron Griffis
CAVUNP President

From the Web manager…

Hello all,

We received an email from Brent Bell and wish to credit the Veterans Affairs Canada/Anciens Combatants for their photos takes on the Peacekeeping Day in Ottawa on August 9, 2026.

National Peacekeepers' Day - Thank you/Merci

Good morning all,

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and support to mark National Peacekeepers' Day in Ottawa. Your collaboration, participation, and attendance helped create a memorable and respectful occasion to honour the legacy and achievements of Canada's peacekeepers and those who have served in missions around the world.

Photos from the event are available here:
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ukjkl23yp0z9qdfqrgpmh/AD9cdS0k3Rs3b3GwH1RXfzo?rlkey=6cekiyrd732csnv77huxw41sw&st=yrqv2mtw&dl=0

Once again, thank you all for your participation and assistance. We look forward to working with you again soon.

Take care,

Brent Bell
Program Manager | Gestionnaire de programme
Commemoration | Commémoration
Veterans Affairs Canada | Anciens Combattants Canada

Sylvain Bouliane,
CAVUNP-HQ Web manager

Peacekeepers Parks Website

Hello CAVUNP Chapter Members

Good news, after many meetings and many updates - I am finally able to announce that the Peacekeepers Parks Website our Chapter will be hosting and promoting the work CAVUNP COC does in the Community and Canada Wide is finally launched.

Please feel free to click around and explore what it has to offer. There will be frequent and on-going updates to the format and content.

In the meantime, myself and Diane Chislett have the ability to go in and edit postings.

The format or the content is a work in progress we have an external entity that built the website, and the fine tuning is still under construction.

We are all volunteers doing this. However, we did hire a web designer to construct the site and publish it. Again, some features are a work-in-progress.

Here is the hyper link: https://peacekeepersparks.ca/ Copy and paste it into your browser.

Here is the direct link to the Blog feature:

https://peacekeepersparks.ca/blog/we-have-launched-our-peacekeepersparksca-website

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• PEACEKEEPERS' PARK, ANGUS ON

WALL OF HONOUR

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Sincerely
Gary Miner
Email: gminer.221@gmail.com
Secretary - Gerry Tremblay CD, COC CAVUNP
(Remember to Stay positive - Test negative!

Chapters Reports

Gerry Tremblay CD, Central Ontario Chapter Peacekeepers' Park, Angus, ON

Our chapter continues to meet once a month (last Saturday of the month). We have been busy throughout the summer and recently been involved in all sorts of Peacekeeping events leading up to Aug 9th.

With my new role as President of Barrie Legion Branch 147, things got a little more exiting! It all started on Aug 7th, 2026, with an official United Nations Peacekeeping flag beginning the start of Peacekeepers week in Barrie and surrounding areas.

The 1st photo shows members of our chapter with Acting Mayor, with Federal and Provincial representatives. Second photo Chapter President Fern Taillefer and MPP Andrea Khanjin.

On Aug 8th, 2026, I attended Bradford West Gwillimbury as the Master of Ceremony for our annual flag raising in this town. Bradford was the first city ever to fly the UN flag after we received our charter. TPR Collier of Bradford, made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan on July 20th, 2010, when he was killed by an explosive devise while on foot patrol in Nakhonay, Afghanistan. He was 24 years old.

Then the arrival of the big day, 9 Aug 2026. Started with a flag raising ceremony just outside Base Borden at 0930 hrs. A 30-person band from the Blackdown Park Cadets attended and played several tunes for us before, during and after the flag raising. They were absolutely awesome.

The ceremony then shifted to Peacekeepers Park where things started to roll at 10:00 hrs. Once again, I was the MCee for this special occasion. Troops marched on at 10:30 with the acting Base Commander as reviewing officer.

Cadets acted as sentry to the Wall of Honour throughout the ceremony

On the left, many wreaths were laid starting with the Silver Cross Mother Mrs. Collier escorted by the Acting Base Commander LCol Lattellier.

On the right, Tim Shaughnessy laid a wreath on behalf of his father, WW2 veteran and Peacekeeper Doug Shaughnessy. Doug had been a member of the Central Ontario Chapter. Tim is escorted by his niece Bryn Cumming.

On this photo are Fern Taillefer, Bob George and the Mayor of Essa Township Sandie MacDonald

Local dignitaries, County Warden, Mayors, MP and MPP's Silver Cross Mother and President Fern.

It was a fantastic day with the weather cooperating and I would say approx. 200 or so on parade not including the 150 cadets from Blackdown Park. Great turnout and great ceremony. After the ceremony, everyone was invited to the local Legion in Angus for food and companionship.

Here are two of the chapter's older members who were on parade.
Bop George and Al Bainbridge

That is all for now as we continue to work on new projects for the park. More to come in this regard.

Fern Taillefer CD
President
Gerry Tremblay CD Central Ontario Chapter

Col Don Ethel Chapter, Calgary, AB

As you are all aware the bins in all 3 parks in Garrison Green have been wrapped with artwork from 3 talented young ladies. These art pieces were entered into and winners of the annual Poppy and Literary Contest. Rick and I have gotten to know these young ladies well over the past few years and are so proud of how far they have come. I first noticed their talent when they were in Montessori school and 2 of them are now in Grade 10. Ella and Chloe invited Rick and I to their school's IB presentation (Strathcona Tweedsmuir) of the individual projects which we attended yesterday.

Ella chose to Honour the Fallen of the "Buffalo Nine" with her art and research. She and Rick spent time in his office with all the information that he has as well as his personal connection with the Buffalo Nine. Ella went further and has produced an amazing piece of art. We have contacted the City and hope to have the bins in Buffalo Park replaced with this piece of art.

I cannot tell you how proud we are to have these girls and their family as part of our "family".

Enjoy Ella's talent and respect for our Fallen

Linda Wright
Recording secretary
Calgary Chapter CAVUNP

The Donald S. Ethell Chapter of CAVUNP continues to have well attended monthly meetings where we are fortunate to be able to support local veteran-related organizations with the monies we earn from our work with a casino every 18 months. We are honoured to be able to support these organizations.
Starting in January we began our preparations for Peacekeepers Day 2026. This year we were pleased that PKD was on Sunday, the 52nd Anniversary of the shoot down of the Buffalo. Our annual clean-up of the parks was accomplished by the dedicated crew from the chapter and wives.

The evening prior we hosted an evening with the members of the Calgary Chapter and the Memorial Cross families.

During the commemoration there were 24 wreaths laid at our Memorial Wall honoring those Peacekeepers who died serving this country. We were honoured to have Maj (ret'd) Paul Hale as our Guest of Honour. He is at the helm of planning a commemoration, 35th Anniversary of the end of the UN mission in Bosnia. This year we had approximately 250 people attend, a little less than last year but a very good turnout of people who truly care about our Peacekeepers.

This year we have been working with the City of Calgary Parks department to remember Buffalo 9. We are fortunate to have been acquainted with some talented artists through the Legion's Poster & Literary competition; one of the artists based her school project this year on the Buffalo 9. The City of Calgary Parks department took the painting and used it as a template to wrap the refuse bins in Buffalo Park. The bins were unveiled on September 5th with Peacekeepers, family and community residents present. Two of the Peacekeepers present were in Egypt in 1974 when the Buffalo was shot down - Rick Wright was a young Signal Officer stationed at Ismailia and Moe Hanburg was the pilot who flew the check flight after the Buffalo shot down. Moe spoke to the group about his interaction the evening before the 9 Peacekeepers last their lives. It was a very impactful.

Linda Wright, Ella Ng, Rick Wright and Moe Hanburg

Moe Hanburg – Pilot who flew the check flight & Ella the artist

Linda Wright
Recording secretary
Calgary Chapter CAVUNP

POEM

When you read this, you will understand why it touches so many. It is powerful especially when Randy reads it with Matthew beside him in his wheelchair.

I had it calligraphed and framed for him. He has it hanging in Matt's room – Randy took Matt out of the Belcher and brought him to his home for the care that he needs and should have (my opinion)

THE FORGOTTEN FALLEN
By Randy Graf
(written for his brother-in-law during Covid, a period when visiting was impossible)

The bullets fly, the rifles sound
The wounded fallen hit the ground
Not all the fallen perished there
We brought them home from everywhere
Many fallen are still earthbound

Our living fallen have all been marred
In mind or limb, they are scared
We must respect that they paid the price
And thank them for their sacrifice
And be so proud that they stood guard

These wounded souls, they get no fame
Our brave ones came home hurt and lame
Some came home maimed, but far from wrecked
All of our soldiers need respect, Schovanek is my hero's name

To all veterans we owe a debt
For freedoms won with blood and sweat
They tell their tales, and we are spellbound
All of our fallen should be crowned

Lest we forget, Lest we forget

Linda Wright
Recording secretary
Calgary Chapter CAVUNP

LGen RR Crabbe Chapter

The Summer of 2026 has been a Rollercoaster of Rain, Hail, Extreme Heat and Very Cool weather patterns.

The Canadian Association of Veteran United Nations Peacekeepers had a few events over the past Months or so…nothing to speak of in July…but in August, the 52nd anniversary of the shooting down of the Buffalo Aircraft over Syria on 09 August 1974.

The Memorial Service on 09 August 2026 was a very well attended event, Lieutenant General Ray Crabbe CMIM, MSC, MCM, CD was there. Dwight MacAulay CVO, David Pankratz, Special Envoy for Military Affairs, Phil Houde, Consular Corps of Manitoba, Shawn Dobson, Military Liaison for the City of Winnipeg and Devin Beaudry, President of the Autochthones of Manitoba.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Ivan Poitras, a Founding Member of our Chapter. President Charles Cameron CD gave the Official welcome and introduction of guests, Sgt at Arms David Serduk CD gave the Peacekeepers Acknowledgment.

David Pankratz and Shawn Dobson both gave a very moving speech regarding 1974 tragedy and how Peacekeeping have evolved over the years. Treasurer Linda Jardine gave the Memorial Roll Call for the Nine who perished on that day in 74.

There were five Wreaths placed in Remembrance: Peacekeepers - Linda Jardine, Peggy Kennedy and David Pankratz Consular Corps of Manitoba - Phil Houde Autochthones of Manitoba - Devin Beaudry United Kingdom - Dwight MacAulay City of Winnipeg - Shawn Dobson

The Last Post and Reveille were performed by Bugler Sgt Marshall Carter of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. The Lament was performed by Piper Mark O'Rourke due to the fact that our Piper George Morrison was not up to the task.

Charles Cameron closed the service with Act of Remembrance and Closing remarks.

After the Memorial Service, a Barbecue was held at the President's residence, which was attended by a good number of our members.

On 16 August 2026, at the Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery, the Hong Kong Veterans of Manitoba held their Memorial Service remembering the soldiers of the Winnipeg Grenadiers who suffered the Prisoner of War Camps in Hong Kong during the Second World War. This event was very well attended. George Morrison and I were there.
I had the honour and privilege of laying a Wreath with a young Cadet Winnipeg Grenadier Master Corporal escorting.

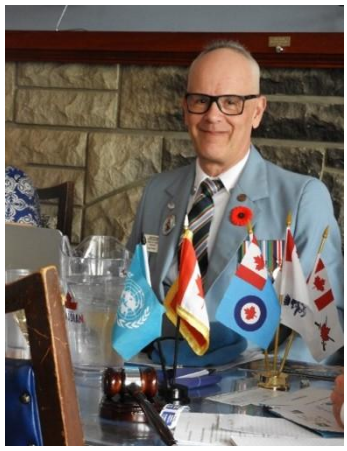
The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders had their Memorial Service remembering the Regiment's efforts in the battle of Dieppe on the 18th of August 2026 at their Monument at Vimy Park.

I would like to acknowledge all the members of 283 ANAVETS who came out and supported our Peacekeepers Meat Draw on the 29th of August this year…thank you very much for your continued dedication.

Buffalo 461 Hamilton Chapter

The Chapter celebrated its 14th Anniversary this Past 14th February. We celebrated at the Limeridge Legion in February with cake and coffee. At the meeting we swore in Greg Palmer as the new Chapter Vice President.

We recently awarded the CAVUNP Medal to David Hayward for his 3 years of service as Chapter Vice President, And Greg Palmer for his service as the President of London Chapter. Greg was also recognized this year for providing valuable Photos to the UNTAC group and for making multiple presentations of his UNTAC tour to different Groups. Mid-year we swore in a new member John David.



There were multiple presentations of years of service to CAVUNP pins, in the picture here is the award of ten years of service to CAVUNP to Col. Geordie Leforge. Several CAVUNP members attended a Reception at the Ontario Legislature hosted by the Commissionaires. Seen here with MPP David Smith, Maj Paul Hale, Bill Steadman, Tom Aldred.

In July the Chapter donated multiple gifts- as every year to the Barrie Chapter Golf Tournament. On National Peacekeepers Day Chapter members participated in services at both Ottawa and Angus Peacekeepers Park. In Angus Rick Lund and President of Chapter a laid wreath at memorial wall. In Ottawa Greg Palmer and Bill Hartsgrove Participated and was an escort for VIPS. Greg Palmer served as the Veteran parade coordinator, Bill Hartsgrove as the Veteran Contingent Commander at the National ceremony

The following week the Chapter participated in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Dieppe Day services at the Dieppe Memorial at Hamilton Beach, a wreath was laid by Rick Lund and Greg Palmer.

The next day was our General Meeting at 447 Wing and after the meeting the team went to the Warplane Heritage Museum for a photo session at the rebuilt Buffalo (with members of the rebuild team) on site in Buffalo 461 UN Colours.

Reflections on 2025 National Peacekeepers' Day Ceremony in Ottawa

I was honoured to take part in the 2025 National Peacekeepers' Day Ceremony in Ottawa as a visiting member of the CAVUNP Buffalo 461 (Hamilton) Chapter. The event was both moving and memorable, made even more meaningful by the presence of individuals whose commitment to peacekeeping continues to shape our national legacy.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Richard Lawrence, our event photographer, whose talent and keen eye skillfully captured the spirit and emotion of the day.

The shared sense of purpose among all who attended—members of the three contingents, invited guests, and those in key ceremonial appointments—was truly inspiring. All present shared in the act of remembrance and respect for our peacekeeping heritage.

Respectfully,

Greg Palmer
Chapter Vice President
Buffalo 461 Chapter

SUCCURSALE MAJOR-GÉNÉRAL ALAIN R. FORAND DE ST-JEAN-SUR-RICHELIEU

COMMÉMORATION LA JOURNÉE NATIONALE DES GARDIENS DE LA PAIX (CASQUES BLEUS)

Sous le commandement du président Denis Perrier M.O.M., OSTJ, CD la Succursale Major-général Alain R. Forand de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec à organiser et parader lors de la Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus) le 9 août 2026 au Parc des Vétérans à Chambly et à la Place du Royal 22e Régiment à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC.

On participer à chaque parade, plusieurs vétérans membre de la succursale Major-général Alain R. Forand de l'ACVFPNU ainsi que des policiers, civils et autres militaires et vétérans ayant servis dans des missions de paix. Nous souhaitons remercier la députée fédérale locale Christine Normandin et sa famille, la ville de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu et son maire Éric Latour et la Ville de Chambly et son représentant pour leurs participations à se devoir de mémoire ainsi que le soutien logistique fournis.

Un remerciement particulier au Lieutenant-colonel Éric Beaudoin, CD, Commandant 6e Bataillon Royal 22e Régiment, son sergent-major régimentaire et lune Garde d'honneur du bataillon pour leurs participations cette année et qui nous ont accompagner pendant tant d'années avec un service impeccable. Le régiment de Maisonneuve prendra la relève l'an prochain.

Nous tenons à remercier la filiale 06-079 Richelieu de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu de la Légion royale canadienne pour la magnifique réception chez eux après la tenue des parades. Le buffet fut excellent et tous ont pu renouer d'amitiés avec leurs confrères d'armes et la Garde d'honneur.

Cette année, nous aimerions souligner un événement exceptionnel donc la rencontre de deux vétérans qui ne ce n'était pas vu depuis 62 ans, ils sont rentrés dans l'armée canadienne ensemble. Ils se sont reconnus et échanger de bonnes histoires pendant des heures ensemble. Ce sont les camarades Pierre Pellerin et Bob Fortin. Ceci est une autre raison pour tenir ces cérémonies, il permet que des frères et sœurs d'armes puissent se rencontrer tisser des liens et s'aider entre nous !

Nous nous souviendrons !

Capitaine (retraité) Kenneth Ouellet, DC
Vice-président
Officier des communications

COMMEMORATION OF THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS' DAY (BLUE HELMETS)

Under the command of the branch president, Denis Perrier M.O.M., OSTJ, CD the Major-General Alain R. Forand Branch of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec organized and paraded on National Peacekeepers' Day on August 9, 2026, at the Parc des Vétérans in Chambly and at the Place du Royal 22e Régiment in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC.

Participating in each parade are veterans who are members of the CAVUNP Branch Major-General A. Forand as well as police, civilians and other military personnel and veterans who have served in peace missions. We would like to thank the local federal deputy Christine Normandin and her family, the city of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and its mayor Éric Latour and

the City of Chambly and its representative for their participation in the duty of remembrance as well as the logistical support provided.

A special thank you to Lieutenant-Colonel Éric Beaudoin, CD, Commanding Officer of the 6e Battalion Royal 22e Régiment, his Regimental Sergeant Major and the Battalion's Honour Guard for their participation in this year parades and who have accompanied us for so many years with impeccable service. The Régiment de Maisonneuve will take over next year.

We would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 06-079 Richelieu in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu for the magnificent reception at their branch after the parades. The buffet was excellent and everyone was able to renew friendships with their comrades-in-arms and the Guard of Honour.

This year, we would like to remark on an exceptional event, the meeting of two veterans who had not been seen for 62 years, they entered the Canadian army together. They recognized each other and exchanged good stories for hours together. They are comrades Pierre Pellerin and Bob Fortin. This is also why these ceremonies are so special, they permit meeting between brothers and sisters in arms, forging links and helping each other! We will remember!

Captain (retired) Kenneth Ouellet, CD
Vice-president
Communication Officer

Levée du drapeau

Rencontre Cmdt 6e Bat. R22R

Camarades Pierre Pellerin et Bob Fortin

Honorary Colonel (Retired) Lee-Anne Quinn, OMM, CD

Community Leader and CAF Nurse Practitioner (Retired)
Peterborough, ON

Honorary Colonel (Retired) **LEE-ANNE QUINN**'s career reflects a lifelong commitment to care as service. Over 26 years in the Canadian Armed Forces as a nursing officer and nurse practitioner, she served in conflict zones, remote communities, and operational deployments before continuing that same mission among veterans and vulnerable civilians at home. She later became the first woman appointed Honorary Colonel of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, extending her role from caregiver to institutional mentor.

Joining the CAF in 1987, Quinn advanced her professional education through military service, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master's degree as a primary health care nurse practitioner. Her leadership culminated in five years as CAF Nurse Practitioner Lead, where she helped formalize the nurse practitioner role within military healthcare — a contribution recognized through her appointment to the Order of Military Merit.

Her operational career spanned demanding environments including Somalia, Rwanda, the Balkans, and Afghanistan, as well as isolated First Nations and Inuit communities in Northern Ontario and the Yukon.

These experiences shaped her belief that medical care in uniform extends beyond treatment to trust, stability, and reassurance in uncertain conditions.

Physical endurance and resilience marked her service as well. In 1993 she joined an eight-person military team that carried a stretcher over 270 kilometres non-stop, entering Guinness World Records — as the only woman participant in the event.

After retiring in 2008, Quinn continued serving her community in Peterborough. She founded the Brock Mission Primary Care Clinic providing free medical care and medications to homeless individuals, including veterans. She then raised over $250,000 to sustain the program before transitioning it from a nurse practitioner to physician-run model in 2025.

She also guides veterans through complex benefits processes and frequently speaks to new Veterans Affairs Canada staff about the realities faced by former members. She further contributed formal testimony to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs study on the experiences of women veterans that led to the report *Invisible No More. The Experiences of Canadian Women Veterans*.

Her service extends beyond veterans. Since 2015 she has helped sponsor and support the settlement of more than two dozen Syrian and displaced Iraqi refugees into the Peterborough community.

She also volunteered as a Nurse Practitioner at Camp Maple Leaf for children of fallen CAF members, reinforcing her commitment to military families.

Across military and civilian roles, Quinn's impact rests in continuity: the same compassion guiding battlefield medicine now supports veterans, families, and newcomers to Canada. She encourages younger professionals to serve with empathy, remain persistent, and remember that helping others is a lifelong responsibility rather than a career phase.

Quinn was jointly nominated by Brigadier-General (Retired) Gregory B. Mitchell, Honorary Colonel R. Kenneth Armstrong, and Ms. Michelle Ferreri.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

ACTE DU SOUVENIR

Ils ne vieilliront pas comme nous, qui leur avons survécu.
Ils ne connaîtront jamais l'outrage, ni le poids des années.
Quand viendra l'heure du crépuscule et celle de l'aurore,
Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.