

Memories are made of this

by Wally Wilson
His Excellency President and Mrs. Chun Doo Hwan made a state visit to Canada, arriving in Ottawa on Saturday Aug. 18 to his four day visit.

Security had been tightened up at Canadian Forces Base Uplands for his arrival, due to the slaying of the Turkish Defence Attache on Friday in Ottawa. President of South Korea Chun was favourably welcomed by Governor General Ed Shryer and his wife.

Canada can take a great deal of pride that this is the first time a President of South Korea has visited our country. President Chun attended a private reception at Government House as well as a reception in the Korean Embassy gardens that was being held for several hundred Korean nationals.

President Chun visited approximately 50 Canadian Korea war veterans at Ste. Anne de Bellevue hospital, just a short distance from Montreal Quebec and presented each veteran with a beautifully engraved digital clock. The President flew back and forth to Ottawa by helicopter. Motoring down from Ottawa by car to meet him at the hospital was the South Korean Defence Attache from the Embassy in Ottawa, Colonel Biak. Accompanying him was Andy Mackenzie, President of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada, Unit 7, Ottawa, Ontario.

Also in attendance was the National President of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada, Lou Plummer CD of Stratford, Ontario. Address by President Chun Doo Hwan of the Republic of Korea to Canadian Veterans of War

Canadian Veterans of War, for it is profoundly significant to meet in this great and beautiful country with comrades-in-arm who have given of themselves for the cause of Canada, Korea and the world. Mindful that without your noble sacrifices it would be impossible for the people of our two countries to enjoy the freedom and democracy cherished by us all, I would like to express my utmost appreciation and highest commendation to all of you. I myself and the people of the Republic of Korea are well aware that the freedom, peace and prosperity we now enjoy are in part due to your selfless sacrifices.

Entombed in the United Nations Cemetery in Pusan are 2,221 soldiers, 378 of them Canadians, from the 16 allied countries who fought so gallantly side by side in the defense of freedom. At that time Canada dispatched more than 26,000 men to aid the Republic when our very existence was imperiled by Communist aggression. Five-hundred-sixteen of those

men gave their lives fighting for the cause of freedom. Our determined resolve to faithfully serve as the bastion of the Free World is forever being reinforced with thoughts of such priceless sacrifices by others in protection of our sovereignty, lives, and property.

Recently, Mr. Lloyd Plummer, president of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada wrote me on behalf of the members. He said many Canadian veterans who have visited Korea under the

Korea Revisit Program are alarmed by the palpable tension hanging over the Military Demarcation Line and are greatly worried by the threat of another invasion. He went on to say that they have come to realize that greater international cooperation is necessary to maintain peace on the Korean peninsula which is vital to the peace of the whole world.

I entirely agree with him and wish to express my deep gratitude to all Canadian veterans of the Korean War for

their warm affection and unflagging faith which keeps alive a deep concern about Korea. This is an eloquent testimony to the fact that you are not former, but eternal, comrades-in-arm.

My official itinerary begins tomorrow with the laying of flowers at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. On May 29, His Excellency, Governor-General Schreyer, unveiled inscriptions on the monument commemorating your participation in the Korean War. Together with the

monument in the town of Kapyong in the central region of Korea, these inscriptions will be a perpetual reminder of your invaluable sacrifices and a symbol of eternal friendship between our two peoples.

Once more I want to thank and commend you for your heroic actions and pray for your lasting happiness and well-being and that of your families.

Thank you.
On Monday, Aug. 29, at 9:30 a.m., members of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada

formed up at the war memorial in Ottawa in two rows behind our National President Lou Plummer CD of Stratford and our Vice president Ray Brown CD of Wasaga Beach and Unit 7 President Andy MacKenzie for the laying of a wreath by President Chun of South Korea in memory of our fallen comrades who gave their lives in the Korean war.

Representation from our area was the President of Unit 6, Huronia, Mr. E. F. Parker, of Barrie, Wally Wilson, National

Director of Midland and Douglas Trollope from Midland. A good representation of the Korea Veterans of Canada was present for this ceremony.

Unit 2 Stratford, Unit 3 Owen Sound, Unit 4 London, Unit 5 Toronto, Unit 6 Huronia, Unit 7 Ottawa, Unit 8 Peterborough, Unit 9 Brighton, Unit 11 Oshawa, Unit 12 Kingston.

On behalf of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada I can only say "Thanks" to all these

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