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Online Video Supports Military Families

Stouffville resident Harold Hutchings joined forces with songwriter and musician Barry Haggarty and Steve Nash of Level Runner Films to create a music video dedicated to Canadian soldiers who have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

"I wrote the lyrics about two and a half years ago. I showed them to Barry and he came up with a melody. We both decided this song could probably do some good," said Harold. *Canadian Fallen Hero* has been posted online to raise awareness and money for the Military Families Fund and can be seen at canadianfallenheroes.com, youtube.com and myspace.com.

The fund was created by Canada's former chief of defence staff, General Rick Hillier, to help military families cover unforeseen expenses in difficult times. "When our families call out for help, we must be able to answer that call immediately and substantially," explained Gen. Hillier on www.militaryfamilies.fund.ca.

"Our families have been here for us through our enrollment, our training, our deployments, and our homecomings. The military life places significant demands on our loved ones. They did not volunteer for service – but serve they do, and with great distinction. It is our turn to be there for our families."

When Harold wrote the words to *Canadian*

Fallen Hero, he was thinking of the powerful emotions stirred up by convoys of vehicles transporting fallen soldiers from Trenton to Toronto along the portion of Highway 401 which now bears the name Highway of Heroes in honour of their sacrifice. "I tried to visualize what people see going along the highway and on the bridges above the highway," he said.

Canadianfallenhero.com will have a link to the Military Families Fund website, where people can make donations. "Any donation over \$10 is eligible for a tax receipt, and all we ask is that (donors) tell them the donation awareness came from the Fallen Hero project so they can keep track." The song can also be downloaded from the iTunes store, with all proceeds to the Military Families Fund.

When he's not penning lyrics, Harold is busy co-hosting WhiStie Radio's Wednesday afternoon show, *Who Was That?* with Tara Donaghey. "We take five Canadian artists, do some research on them, play their music and tell listeners a little bit about them," he noted. "I've learned a lot myself just from doing the show."

You can tune into CIWS 102.7 FM at 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 p.m. Sundays to hear the show or listen live online at www.whistleradio.ca.



Harold Hutchings is a Stouffville resident and host of *Who Was That?* on WhiStie Radio. He wrote the lyrics for *Canadian Fallen Hero* to help raise money for the Military Families Fund, a charitable organization founded by Gen. Rick Hillier.

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

By Ruth LeBlanc

Remembrance Day brings back memories of my parents' conversations with family members reliving World War II.

When I was small, their vivid recollections both captured my imagination and horrified me. I learned early that war was a taker of both lives and innocence, but I never heard any of my relatives denounce their participation; duty made them stand proudly as a protector of their homeland, Canada.

My late father Talbot Torrance, a sub-lieutenant in the navy, met my mother, Lois, while on leave in Chester, N.S. A picture of his ship, with my father in full uniform, hangs on her living room wall to this day. While most of my aunts did their patriotic duty by staying home and raising families, almost all my uncles served in the army or navy. These salt-of-the-earth men left humble but comfortable lives to head to the nightmare of the trenches and foreign, blood-soaked soil.

One uncle, a quiet, gentle man, told of waiting long into the night until silence descended, before racing across a field laden with fallen soldiers, some dead, some dying. When he found his unit, he and his surviving comrades made their way to safety, at least for that day. I saw, first hand, that the casualties of war do not end when a person comes home. That uncle returned to live a solitary and sad life, never coming to terms with what he had witnessed.

Today, new generations hear news of the war in Afghanistan. The men and women whose lives are lost are flown back to Trenton, where devastated families wait on the tarmac for their beloved sons, daughters, mothers and fathers to arrive home.

Each soldier's final journey is in a hearse travelling along the 401, on the Highway of Heroes. Above, overpasses are lined with solemn Canadians, heads bent in respect and gratitude for their sacrifice. Some sections of the highway are decorated with yellow ribbons in the hopes of happier homecomings for their comrades in Afghanistan.

I visited the base at Trenton last spring and went to the 'Wing,' a place where veterans gather and reminisce. Having witnessed such horror and devastation, they cannot mask their emotions as they talk about friends lost and injuries sustained that no medicine can ever heal.

As a proud Canadian who believes that this is the best country in the world to live in, I want to thank all members of the military, peacekeepers and veterans in our community for the life that I have been blessed with as a result of your devotion to Canada.

Every day there are reminders of what their sacrifices have given us. Some people complain about our health care but my own experience has shown that, compared with other countries, we receive first class care. I also believe the same is true of our educational system and social services.

Like all Canadians, I hope the Highway of Heroes will never see another hearse carrying another young soldier whose life ended fighting for the country he or she believed in enough to die for. For them, and for all the veterans and families who have loved and lost, we must acknowledge that their loss was not in vain.

On November 11 at 11 a.m., give remembrance and thanks to all who have given the ultimate gift, their life, to make Canada the wonderful place we call home.

The businesses & services listed on these pages ask you to remember those who sacrificed their lives while protecting our freedom this Remembrance Day

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