CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS IN UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

LGEN R. R. CRABBE CHAPTER

MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN HONOUR OF
PEACEKEEPING DAY

1100 Hrs 09 AUG 2026

PEACEKEEPERS' CAIRN
219 MEMORIAL BLVD
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

National Peacekeepers Day

August 9th is National Peacekeepers' Day in Canada to mark the single greatest loss of Canadian lives in a peacekeeping operation. On this date in 1974, nine Canadian Peacekeepers aboard a UN-marked transport plane were killed when it was shot down by Syrian missiles.

Nine Canadian Armed Forces members (known as the "Buffalo Nine") died during a routine resupply mission from Ismailia, Egypt to Damascus, Syria.

- Capt. George Foster, 44
- Cpl. Morris Kennington, 30
- Sgt Maj Cyril Korejwo, 47
- Sgt Maj Gaston Landry, 35
- Capt. Keith Mirau, 29
- Cpl. Michael William Simpson, 26
- Cpl. Ronald Spencer, 29
- Cpl. Bruce Stringer, 23
- Capt. Robert Wicks, 39

Today we remember the more than 130 Canadians who have died while serving on international peace missions, and we express our gratitude to over 125,000 Canadian military personnel, police officers, diplomats, and civilians who have participated in global security efforts.

PROGRAMME

National Anthem: O Canada

Official Welcome and Introduction of Guests
President, Charles Cameron

Peacekeeper Acknowledgment - Dave Serduk

Speakers
Special Envoy for Military Affairs - David Pankratz, MLA Waverley
Military Liason – Shawn Dobson

Memorial Roll Call – Linda Jardine

Laying of Wreaths
CAVUNP – Linda Jardine & Peggy Kennedy
Manitoba – David Pankratz, Special Envoy for Military Affairs
Consular Corps of Manitoba - Phil Houde
No 6 Autochthones - Devin Beaudry
United Kingdom - Dwight MacAulay, CVO

Last Post: Sgt Carter, Royal Winnipeg Rifles

Moment of Silence

Act of Remembrance - Charles Cameron

Lament: Piper Mark O'Rourke

Reveille: Sgt Carter, Royal Winnipeg Rifles

Closing Remarks - President, Charles Cameron

Royal Anthem: God Save The King

THE BLUE BERET

I wore the Blue Beret
When I was young and strong.
And proudly marched with Others
In Foreign lands,
To keep the Peace.

The Flag we bore
Brought Hope and Trust,
But most of all, it brought respect.
For those who wore
The Blue Beret,
May it ever be so
For those who Go.

LGen R.R. Crabbe Chapter

Gone Home"

Norm Van Tassel
Ron Grant
Ray Sawchuk
Robert Barry
Rev George Davidson
Gordon Criggar
Joeseph (Larry) Lagace
Jean Catellier
Joseph Mallet
Lynda Bartel

LEST WE FORGET

The members of LGen R.R. Crabbe Chapter, CAVUNP would like to thank all those who attended and participated in today's Memorial Service.