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## A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS Annual Commemorative Ceremonies



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Early in June, at the Old Port of Montreal, guest of honour Cmdre **David Craig**, Commander Naval Reserve, threw a wreath in the St. Lawrence River in remembrance of deceased Veterans from the Canadian and Allied Naval Forces and the Merchant Marine.



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A second commemoration took place at the Notre-Dames-Neiges and Mount-Royal cemeteries, where the first official interments by the LPF occurred in 1910.



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On 3 June was held the annual commemorative ceremony at the LPF National Field of Honour in Pointe-Claire, QC. All graves were adorned with small flags installed by local Scouts. The Honourable **Steven Blaney**, Minister of Veterans Affairs and guest of honour, paid tribute to all those Veterans—Army, Navy, Air Force—who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

## THE LAST POST FUND GOVERNING COUNCIL for 2012-2013



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Left to right, first row: Mr. **Arthur (Chip) Hair**, Past Honorary President; LGen (Ret'd) **Lou Cuppens**, Honorary Treasurer; HCol **Kenneth Garbutt**, Vice-President West; LCol (R) **Evelyn Kelly**, Past National President; LCol (R) **Daniel O'Connor**, LPF new National President; and RAdm (R) **Barry Keeler**, Vice-President East.

Second row: Col (R) **William Fletcher**, President, AB Branch; Cmdre (R) **Jean-Claude Michaud**, President, QC Branch; Lt (R) **Donald W. Newell**, President, NL Branch; Col (R) **Douglas J. Briscoe**, President, ON Branch; LCol (R) **Yves Martin**, Vice-President, LPF National Field of Honour; Capt (R) **Gordon Crigger**, President, MB—SK Branch; Navy Capt (R) **Peter Langlais**, Honorary President; Mr. **Derek Sullivan**, Veterans Affairs Canada; LCdr (R) **David Yeo**, President, NB—PE Branch; LCol (R) **Raymond Mikkola**, LPF Honorary Legal Advisor; MGen (R) **Ed Fitch**, President, BC Branch; and Mr. **Jean-Pierre Goyer**, LPF Executive Director.



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Our mission: to ensure that no eligible Veteran is deprived of a dignified funeral and burial for lack of financial resources.  
Our chief mandate: to deliver the Funeral and Burial Program on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada.

## LPF FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

### Needs and Requirements

*In Memory of our Veterans*, the Last Post Fund's first national fundraising campaign is now underway, with MGen (R) **Lewis MacKenzie** acting as Honorary Chairman and LGen (R) **Lou Cuppens** as Campaign Coordinator. The total target of \$9,400,000 will address the organization's specific needs and requirements:

- ◆ Funds for the dignified burial of financially challenged Veterans who are ineligible for the federal government's Funeral and Burial Program (\$1,000,000);
- ◆ Funds to support the LPF Grave Marking Program—according to Veterans Affairs Canada, there are between 20,000 and 30,000 Veterans' graves that lack a proper military marker—(\$1,000,000);
- ◆ Purchase and clearance of a new land section at the LPF National Field of Honour (\$1,000,000);
- ◆ Renovation of the Arthur Hair Reception Centre at the National Field of Honour (\$200,000);
- ◆ Road repairs and replacement of obsolete equipment at the National Field of Honour (\$200,000); and
- ◆ Perpetual care of the National Field of Honour (\$6,000,000).

Donations can also be dedicated to the Last Post Fund activities in the province chosen by the donor. Donations made to the LPF National Office will be allocated where funds are most urgently needed.

Your donation can be made online at [www.lastpostfund.ca](http://www.lastpostfund.ca) (see section *Donate to the Last Post Fund*), or by calling us at 1 (800) 465-7113, or by filling out and mailing this [form](#).

Several advantages are offered to donors, as indicated in our [Donor Recognition Program](#).

## “THE VERY BEST THAT CANADA HAS TO OFFER”

### says Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney



The following excerpts are drawn from the Minister's address delivered at the Last Post Fund National Field of Honour on 3 June 2012:

“In many ways, this ceremony held in memory of our Canadian Veterans and Allies has rich and deep meanings. It expresses our feeling of gratitude with respect

to these heroes. This initiative from an organization dedicated to a highly meritorious mission raises palpable emotions on which there is no need to dwell. In this place we find the very best that Canada has to offer.

“We recognize the bravery, valour and devotion to duty of those who lie in the National Field of Honour, but we should also recognize and admire the devotion of the people who carry out the work of the Last Post Fund. That work is nothing less than a moral duty. A duty that the Last Post Fund has been fulfilling for more than a century now.

“I am sure that Arthur Hair who founded the Last Post Fund in 1909 could never have foreseen to what extent his organization would provide useful and meaningful services. In the century that followed, deadly conflicts and peace-keeping missions took place and the LPF has relentlessly pursued its mission with generosity and dignity. Mr. Hair's actions, which helped create the existing Funeral and Burial Program which assures Veterans receive a dignified funeral and burial, led to a national partnership between the Last Post Fund and Veterans Affairs Canada.

“All of you gathered here surely realize the importance of the LPF mission. Veterans and families of deceased Veterans can easily understand the need to provide a dignified burial for those who have honored our country with such bravery and courage. That is why Veterans Affairs Canada works with the Last Post Fund on several activities and recognizes the vital role this organization plays for our Veterans and their families.

“In 1941, a great Canadian, General Georges P. Vanier, said: ‘The Canadian soldier, sailor or airman has left his country, his home, his family; on the altar of the Homeland, he gave away his own self. For this voluntary sacrifice, he asked no reward but rather, he generously offered the capital of his time, his health and his life. Expressing no hope, expecting no promise, he gave everything.’ These words still sound true 71 years later with the emergence of a new generation of Canadian soldiers called to serve around the world.

“As Canadians, we are forever grateful to those men and women who gave their all. It is up to us—all of us—to make sure that this is indeed so.”