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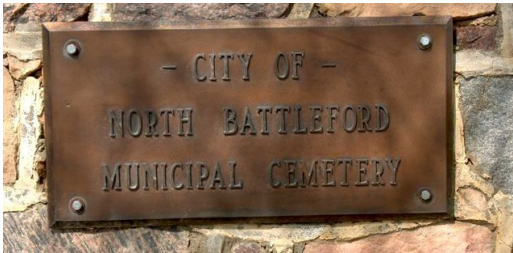
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IN NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK 97 Unmarked Graves Identified



At a recent ceremony held at the North Battleford City Cemetery, a headstone was unveiled which read *Known Only to God*. The deceased could not be identified. Twelve years before, RCL comrade **Al Van Meer** and friends toured the Veterans sections of the cemetery and noticed several unmarked graves. After a long research, a lot of efforts and much patience, a group of the RCL Branch No. 70 and the Legion of Riders who worked together managed to have 97 graves marked with a proper military marker. Marking was made possible through the LPF Unmarked Grave Program. Unfortunately, Comrade Van Meer who had launched the project did not live to attend the final unveiling.



May the joy, warmth and peace of the Holiday Season be yours today and all through the New Year!

MESSAGE FROM THE VETERANS' OMBUDSMAN

Remembrance Day at the LPF National Field of Honour



“I am honoured to be here today [at the Last Post Fund National Field of Honour] as Canada’s Veterans Ombudsman, to participate in your annual ceremony of remembrance and commemoration.

“This year is especially meaningful as we mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. Here, on the National Field of Honour, we have a visual reminder of the sacrifice and the human cost of all military operations.



“The First World War’s global reach brought the reality of conflict to the doorstep of every Canadian in every community across our country, and left no family untouched. For a nation of only eight million people, Canada’s war effort was remarkable.

“More than 650,000 men and women from Canada and Newfoundland served — over 66,000 lost their lives and more than 172,000 were wounded.

“The recent event at a parking lot in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu that took the life of Warrant Officer **Patrice Vincent** and the one at the National War Memorial in Ottawa that took the young life of Corporal **Nathan Cirillo** as he stood guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are poignant reminders that Canada is not isolated from the rest of the world and its conflicts.

“The outpouring of support from Canadians following their tragic deaths, including Veterans and even cadets standing vigil at cenotaphs across the country, said a lot about who we are. It also attested strongly to the high regard in which we hold our men and women in uniform.” ...

[Full Ombudsman Guy Parent’s Notes](#)



BACK IN THE FAMILY

A 70-Year-Old War Medal



Last September, **Garry Fairley** discovered a small silver war medal at a Steveston thrift shop in B.C. He thought

it was a neat piece of history but once he read the name, rank and number on it, he knew it belonged to some family and had to be returned...

[For full story...](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

to General Walter Natynczyk



MGen **Ed Fitch** (Ret'd), LPF National President, offers his sincere congratulations to Gen **Walter Natynczyk** (Ret'd) on his recent appointment as Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada.

Gen Natynczyk is well known to Canada's Veterans. Through its partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, the Last Post Fund looks forward to pursuing its mission of 105 years to ensure dignified funeral services for Veterans in financial need at time of death.

CONCERT 1914-2014

A Century of Service and Sacrifice



On November 5, in Saint John, NB, the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA Band held a concert under the musical direction of Captain **Michael Molloy**. The Saint John Chorale and the combined choirs of Saint John High School and Harbour View High School also participated in this event, which resulted in \$655 of goodwill donations to the Last Post Fund. LCol **Al Gallop** (Ret'd), President of the NB-PEI Branch, was Master of Ceremony.

NATIONAL FIELD OF HONOUR IN POINTE-CLAIRE, QC

Special Commemoration to Honour 1085 Veterans of WW1



On a bright and sunny November 11, a thousand people gathered at the National Field of Honour in Pointe-Claire to honour the memory of fallen Veterans during the First World War. Among the thousands of Veterans buried at the Field of Honour, 1085 had played a part in the bloody conflict.

The Veterans' Ombudsman, Chief Warrant Officer **Guy Parent** (Ret'd) was Patron of Honour of the commemorative ceremony. "Here on the National Field of Honour, he said, we have a visual reminder of the sacrifice and the human cost of all military operations."

Participants included officer cadets from the Saint-Jean Royal Military College, members of the 34 Canadian Brigade Group and the 3rd Field Battery of Montreal. Four children from the Lester B. Pearson School Board took turns to recite the Act of Remembrance.

Last Post Fund members actively participated in Remembrance events across the country, laying several wreaths in memory of our Veterans.



Photos left & middle: David Zhao, RMC Saint-Jean. Right: National President Ed Fitch in Victoria

THANKS TO COMMISSIONAIRES—QUEBEC

for their donation of \$25,000 to the National Field of Honour



Left to right : LCol **Guy Rousseau** and Capt **Peter Langlais**, NFOH Board members; Maj **Serge Gélinas**, NFOH manager; BGen **Pierre Boucher**, President, LPF Quebec Branch; Col **Jean Forget**, Board President, Commissionaires Quebec; and Col Michel Crowe, LPF Quebec Branch member. All are retired Canadian Forces officers.

At the close of the Remembrance Day ceremony at the National Field of Honour (NFOH), the Board President of Commissionaires Quebec, Col **Jean Forget**, presented a cheque of \$25,000 to BGen **Pierre Boucher**, President of the Last Post Fund Quebec branch that manages the Field of Honour.

"This gift, he said, is not only a tribute to the noble mission of that unique military cemetery, but also a well-deserved contribution to its maintenance, its development and its perennity."