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LET'S NOT FORGET THEM



*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

(Excerpt from the poem *For the Fallen* by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943) recited worldwide at commemorative services)

2011 COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES



Every year in early June, the Last Post Fund organizes commemorative ceremonies to pay tribute to Canadian and Allied Veterans—marine, aviation and army—that have so valiantly defended the values of democracy and freedom that are dear to our country.

This year, the commemorative events will be held on **Sunday, 5 June** on the St. Lawrence River, at the Notre-Dame-des-Neiges and Mount-Royal cemeteries.

The main event will take place at the Last Post Fund National Field of Honour in Pointe-Claire, QC, in presence of our Guest of Honour Brigadier-General **Michael Hood**, Director General, Air Force Development, Canadian Forces.

You are cordially invited to this very moving ceremony, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Directions to the National Field of Honour from Montreal:
<http://www.lastpostfund.ca/EN/fohmap.php>

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- ◆ More than 15,000 Veterans are buried at the Last Post Fund National Field of Honour?
- ◆ They originate from all Canadian provinces, namely 6,400 from Québec and nearly 2,000 from other provinces?
- ◆ Among non-Canadian veterans, there are also British, Irish, Scots, Americans, Poles, French, Egyptians, South Africans, Russians, Italians, Greeks, Belgians, Czechs, Danes, Australians and New Zealanders?
- ◆ Over 300 are women?

THE LAST POST FUND ON FACEBOOK

We now have our very own Facebook Page, where you will be informed on all our activities. You will find many photos of our commemorative ceremonies, as well as vintage photos.



Come and visit us by simply clicking on the Facebook logo.

If you like our Page, please let us know by clicking on the “Like” button at the top of the page. Have a great visit!

GOING THE EXTRA MILE...



Since 1909, the Last Post Fund has been dedicated to ensuring that no Veteran is denied a dignified funeral and burial for lack of funds.

But what is meant exactly by a “dignified” funeral and burial? It may take on different meanings in different cases. It could mean assisting a family when they are going through an extremely difficult time by offering compassion and advice or liaising with funeral homes and cemeteries to make sure that everything is arranged properly. In 2011, in Toronto, the Last Post Fund went even further...

“We received a phone call from the morgue asking us to verify if a gentleman would be eligible under the Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral & Burial Program, a Program delivered by the Last Post Fund. He had no family in the area and essentially had no one to make his final arrangements.

Time was of the essence and we started the process to verify military service. We were able to determine that he served during WW2 and step in to help...

The complete story at <http://www.lastpostfund.ca/EN/news.php> — article dated 3 May 2011.

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VETERANS IN UNMARKED GRAVES



In 1996, the Last Post Fund created the “Special Grave Marker Program” in order to pay a posthumous tribute to eligible Veterans who have passed away for at least five years and who, for whatever reason, now rest in unmarked graves.

Since then, 2,828 unmarked graves have been discovered throughout the country and properly marked.

Depending on the cemetery’s criteria, the tombstone can be a flat marker (photo on the left) or an upright marker (above). It is provided through a Last Post Fund supplier in order to comply with the inscription standards of Veterans Affairs Canada.

We are now appealing for anyone who should be aware of a Veteran lying in an unmarked grave to contact the Last Post Fund, so that we can remedy this situation as soon as possible. We firmly believe that the dedication of servicemen and women to our country should be properly and officially recognized.

Please help us by calling 1 800-465-7113.

THE LAST POST FUND COLUMBARIUM IN HALIFAX



Members of the Canadian Forces, including the Reserve Forces, the Merchant Navy and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, are aware of the many places across the country where Generals now lie with Privates, those with Decorations beside others without battle acclaim and wealthy men and women with the penniless.

These are the Fields of Honour and Columbariums operated by the Last Post Fund to provide a final resting place for our Veterans to be with their comrades.

Many however are not aware that these unique and beautiful resting places also allow the option to include an additional family member when making final arrangements, and that niches can be purchased by currently serving members of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP.

The Last Post Fund in Nova Scotia owns and operates the Veterans’ Columbarium located at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax. It offers the following advantages to those who may now contemplate to make arrangements for future peace of mind:

- ◆ Competitively priced niches with the option of full payment at time of purchase or by installments.
- ◆ Central location easily accessible for family and friends wishing to pay their respects.
- ◆ Niche includes opening and closing cost plus the engraving and perpetual care.
- ◆ Purchases will help provide funding for other Last Post Fund initiatives.

For more information, contact the LPF Nova Scotia Office at 1 800 565-4777.