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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS

On behalf of the *Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (C.A.V.U.N.P.)* and the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association (C.P.V.A.)*, we wish to bring to your attention that, this Friday, May 29th, the United Nations and the international community will celebrate the *International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers*.

The *International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers* was designated in 2002, when the United Nations General Assembly adapted resolution 57/129 which proclaimed that May 29th would be 'a day to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage, and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace'.

Peacekeeping Veterans and Canadian citizens have a moral and historical obligation to observe this *International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers* by a gesture of solidarity with all the peacekeepers of the world.

We invite you to observe this day, the 29th of May, by observing a minute of silence or by gathering in small groups at an appropriate place to render homage to the more than 2200 peacekeepers of all nations, including the 114 Canadians who, under the banner of the United Nations, have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the service of peace in the world as well as for those who are serving at this time in far away countries.

In order to ensure a solemn visibility on this commemorative day, you might dress in blue and white, wear the United Nations insignia, post this notice, or even display the United Nations flag.

Proud to serve, proud to have served, IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE

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