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COMMUNIQUÉ NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS' DAY

Citizens, the *Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping* (CAVUNP) and the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association*, (CPVA) jointly wish to bring to your attention that Sunday, **August 9th**, veterans, military personnel, police and peace officers will celebrate *National Peacekeepers' Day* in Canada.

National Peacekeepers' Day was made an official day by an Act of the Parliament of Canada in 2008 to honour Canadians in the service of peace. This day is about commemoration and celebration of Canadian peacekeepers, past and present. It is also recognition of those who help make peacekeeping duty less arduous and for remembering our fallen comrades who have made the ultimate sacrifice on the field of honour in the service of peace.

We wish to remind everyone of our moral obligation as Canadian citizens to observe with pride our *National Peacekeepers' Day* by a gesture of solidarity with our Canadian peacekeeping veterans and serving military personnel, police and peace officers.

You are invited to observe the **9th of August**, by a minute of silence to render homage to the 170 Canadian Peacekeepers who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the service of peace in the world as well as for those who have served since 1947 including Canadians who are presently serving with the United Nations, NATO and other international or multinational missions amidst danger and strife in far away countries.

In order to ensure a solemn visibility on this commemorative day, you might dress in blue and white, wear your Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal or the CPSM lapel pin, a poppy, post this notice or even display or fly the United Nations flag. Veterans of peacekeeping missions may wear a blue beret.

Citizens, on the **9th of August**, if you meet a veteran, a member of the military or a peace officer, we invite you to shake their hand, and say a simple 'thank you'.

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

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