



Memorial Plaque Dedication, Wolseley Barracks, Nicosia, November 11th, 2024

Four years of planning and collecting history culminated in a pilgrimage to Cyprus of Canadian Veterans and their family members, joined by British, Finnish and Swedish Veterans, serving Canadian and UN soldiers, Veterans Affairs official delegation, Embassy and Consulate officials, to commemorate 60 years of Canada’s contribution to UNFICYP.

The Remembrance Day service, led by Veterans Affairs Canada, was held at the Canadian memorial cairn in Wolseley Barracks, Nicosia. It was attended by Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, Karine Asselin, Honorary Consul, Mr. Spyros Kallis, Head of UNFICYP, Mr. Colin Stewart, a Canadian, the Force Commander, MGen Erdenebat Batsuuri. Canadian Armed Forces soldiers, on the island with a task force preparing to evacuate Canadians from the region, formed a guard, as did the Veterans.

With thanks to the British Sector 2 workshop, a protective cover and the Cyprus 2024 anniversary plaque were installed at the cairn site. The plaque, which honours Canadians who served in Cyprus since 1964, was unveiled as the last of three plaques funded by NWORA. Two similar plaques were dedicated at Perron-Berger Park, The Village at Griesbach in June 2023, and at the Petawawa Garrison Museum in May 2024. They will remain as testaments to the service and sacrifice of Canadian Peacekeepers.



**BGen (Retd) Ray Romses, Col of the Regt, PPCLI,
RCMP Sgt Kelly Willis**



Canadian Memorial Site, Wolseley Barracks,

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Canadian Armed Forces soldiers on parade



Canadian Veterans on parade



Colin Stewart, Head of UNFICYP, Amy Meunier, ADM Commemorations VAC, BGen Louis Lapointe, Comd 1st Cdn Div, Col Maureen Wellwood, CO Small Missions, Spyros Kallis, Honourary Consul



UN Soldier, Piper MWO Allan Clark, RCMP Staff Sgt Jean-Francois Leduc



Col (Ret'd) Rick Hatton, President CAFA, MGen (Ret'd) Walter Holmes, NWORA representative



Veterans with newly dedicated Cyprus 2024 anniversary plaque

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Lest we forget... N'oublions jamais...

Since 1964, thousands of Canadian Soldiers served here to bring peace to the people of Cyprus.

1974 was a turning point in the Mediterranean and for Canada's longstanding commitment to United Nations operations. Traditional role of peacekeeping became peacemaking.

It was a deadly time in Canada's military history with casualties in Cyprus, including Para Perron and Para Berger, and the loss of UN Flight 51 over Syria.

On this 60th anniversary of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, and the 50th anniversary of the 1974 war, this memorial is dedicated to the members of the Canadian Armed Forces who sacrificed all for peace in Cyprus and around the world.



Depuis 1964, des milliers de soldats canadiens ont servi ici pour apporter la paix au peuple chypriote.

L'année 1974 a marqué un tournant en Méditerranée et dans l'engagement de longue date du Canada envers les opérations des Nations Unies. Le rôle traditionnel de maintien de la paix devint le rétablissement de la paix.

Ce fut une période mortelle dans l'histoire militaire du Canada avec des pertes de vies à Chypre, dont Para Perron et Para Berger, et la perte du vol 51 de l'ONU en Syrie.

En ce 60e anniversaire de la Force des Nations Unies à Chypre et du 50e anniversaire de la guerre de 1974, ce mémorial est dédié aux membres des Forces armées canadiennes qui ont tout sacrifié pour la paix à Chypre et ailleurs.

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Canadian Airborne Forces Association
National Wall of Remembrance Association

Association des Forces aéroportées canadiennes
Association de la Muraille commémorative nationale

The Cyprus 2024 anniversary plaque



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