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Honours & Awards

The Nobel Peace Prize Medal 1988

In December 1988, the Norwegian Nobel Prize Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to the *United Nations Peacekeeping Forces* for participation in numerous conflicts since 1956. All of those Canadian Peacekeepers who served from 1956 to 1988 are therefore *Nobel Laureates*. As of the time of the award, 736 people from a variety of nations had lost their lives in peacekeeping operations worldwide. The medal is distinct in design from other Nobel medals in that it is the only Norwegian medal, the others being of Swedish design. The original medal is kept at the *United Nations Headquarters* in New York.

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Obverse (Face)

The front side of the medal features a portrait of Alfred Nobel surrounded with the inscription of his birth and death in Latin: NAT-MDCCC XXXIII OB-MCCCC XCVI. 'Prix Nobel de la Paix 1988 Peace-Keeping Forces' is engraved on the edge of the gold-cast medal.



Reverse (Back)

The other side of the medal represents a group of three men forming a fraternal bond. The Latin inscription reads 'Pro pace et fraternitate gentium' (For the peace and fraternity of mankind). The Peace Prize Medal is of a different design from other medals.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Communications

If we want to move into the future as a larger and more dynamic organisation, we must address communications as a priority. Our internal and external communications needs must be identified and addressed. Since twenty-first century communications utilises electronic media as the primary vehicle with which to disseminate and receive information, it does so instantaneously and universally. Our CPVA website is accessible world-wide. This issue of *The Blue Beret* will, for the first time, be distributed entirely by electronic means.

The means of communication is one thing, the content is another. Instantaneous communication brings us together but it may also divide us. The content of our website at www.cpva.ca, our newsletter; *The Blue Beret*, and the information contained in official external electronic mail may give a positive or a negative impression of CPVA to the reader. Potential members, politicians, veterans, civil servants, international organisations, family, friends, academics and students read and research the content of the CPVA website at www.cpva.ca. We must ensure that they find correct and up-date information and read us regularly. Our information should be of good quality and it must be consistent with our purpose and our policy. The world is watching us.

This newsletter is the CPVA's official voice and medium of exchange between its members. It is also our communication portal to veterans and other veteran's service organisations. *The Blue Beret* and the CPVA website www.cpva.ca are scrutinised by potential members and are therefore major assets for recruiting. *The Blue Beret* content is mostly submitted by you, the member. The editor's principal role is to collect and collate. You may be sure, therefore, that I will, as your *The Blue Beret* Editor, be constantly asking you, the member, for input. I am committed to communicate promptly. I hope you will help me maintain the quantity and the quality.

Karl O. Morel, CD, BA
Editor; *The Blue Beret*

VICE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007

GENERAL

In the absence of our President Tom Hoppe for unavoidable reasons, it is my honour to submit this report to the membership on his behalf – Tom and I have consulted about this report. The period of this report is from the Annual General Meeting 2006 to the present, a year which has been extremely eventful with the move of the National Headquarters from Victoria to Kingston. As well, the change of all of the elected Directors and a number of the key appointments has been a challenge to maintaining the flow of governance for our Association. Despite the changes, the past year has been very successful in terms of developmental changes which have been started and which are ongoing for the improvement of our organization.

The vision, articulated by our President, of an organization which will be a strong advocate and have a place for all veterans, bar none, and which will also offer an environment in which the younger veterans will be comfortable, has been and continues to be the direction for the future.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Association has been expanding with the founding of the new British Columbia Chapter in Victoria under the presidency of Harry Stinson and the inauguration of the Quebec Region with Karl Morel in the lead role. Discussions are also ongoing about a possible chapter in the Halifax area.

ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

Prior to his departure, Tom Hoppe represented us in a number of meetings with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and other organizations on advocacy issues particularly the New Veterans Charter (NVC). Following Larry Gollner stepping down as the Special Assignments Officer, our new person in that role, Marlowe Fraser, has represented us very well. I want to thank both Larry and Marlowe for the extremely valuable service they have given us. Marlowe continues to be our spokesman at the multilateral meetings on the NVC, the Gerontology Advisory Council and the NVC Advisory Group. CPVA has a very good reputation with VAC and other organizations as the result of the advocacy work by Tom, Larry and Marlowe. I was also asked to appear twice before the House Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs about the National Peacekeepers Day and about care and services to aging veterans – a very stressful experience which increased my respect for the very demanding work done by Tom, Larry and Marlowe. Dave Munro, our Past President, has also represented us at some meetings on issues which are a carry-over from his previous position: thank you Dave.

COMMUNICATIONS

Today's world demands effective and efficient communications. For that reason, the Board has appointed a Communications Officer, Karl Morel. As well, as a natural extension of his appointment, Karl has also accepted the position of the Editor of the Blue Beret. Karl has been doing outstanding work and I know we will see much more of the same from him – he is dedicated, hardworking and very talented. Rodd Kennedy, our Webmaster, has begun to streamline and update our website – we owe him a big thank you for his volunteer work. In the interest of more effective communications, I ask that everyone updates the National Headquarters with contact information for key positions and members: it is extremely crucial as we are becoming more internet focussed.

NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS DAY

Although not yet enacted as law, the national Peacekeepers Day will be a reality very shortly. It was probably one of the few times that all of the political parties and the many veterans organizations at a meeting of the House Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs agreed unanimously. The Peacekeepers Day will be observed on 9 August or the closest weekend as decided locally. It should be noted that the day is primarily to give recognition to peacekeepers and the service they provide for Canada and the world, however, fallen peacekeepers will be remembered as well.

NAME CHANGE

Despite a hastener letter, we have not had any response from the Chief of Defence Staff or the Minister of National Defence about our proposed name change. I want to point out very clearly that if the name change is finalized, the Chapters will have the right to continue to use CPVA in their name and the name CPVA will be preserved in our Constitution.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

The first ever CPVA Annual General Meeting (AGM) by conference call will take place on 25 August 2007 at 1500 hrs EDT. It will provide a truly national forum and will overcome the representational problems inherent in a physical AGM where experience has shown that only the local people participate in the decision making. There will be some challenges with the AGM but with cooperation we will work our way to productive results for the good of CPVA. The convocation instructions and agenda are included in this Blue Beret. Other meeting documents have been sent and more will be sent prior to the AGM.

CONCLUSION

CPVA is a sound, solid, democratic organization and during the past year the Association has set a course for a bright and expanding future. Thank you all very much for your work, effort and cooperation in growing, developing and improving our organization.

Ray Kokkonen
Vice President (on behalf of the President)



SURREY CHAPTER NEWS

Peacekeepers remembered

SURREY, BC: On July 1st, Canada Day, Surrey Chapter V of the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association* (CPVA) added a peacekeeping plaque to the Aldergrove (BC) Cenotaph. The Chapter Past President, Don Robertson, explains that the chapter's aim is to ensure that the 124 Peacekeepers killed on peacekeeping missions around the world as well as the 66 Canadians who lost their lives fighting for peace in Afghanistan are remembered.



Members of the Surrey Chapter enjoy a moment around a vintage UN jeep.

The Surrey Chapter is commemorating Peacekeeping Day, August 9th, with a memorial service at their Peacekeeping Cenotaph located on the grounds of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Crescent Branch 240. The ceremony, to be conducted by the Chairman of the event, Don Willis, and the Chapter Padre, the Reverend David Cook, is scheduled to commence at 14:00 (2 PM). The memorial ceremony will be followed by a dinner to be held at the RCL Crescent Branch 240 at 19:00 (7 PM) that evening. Tickets for the dinner may be obtained by calling 604-514-8570. Website: cpva-surrey.ca.



MIRAMICHI CHAPTER NEWS

Spring and Summer 2007

MIRAMICHI, NB: On 17 January 2007, Miramichi Chapter held its Annual General Meeting and elected a new Executive for 2007 and 2008, as follows: President Jim Muck, Vice President Ray Kokkonen, Secretary Ed Oursien, Treasurer Roy Matheson, Membership Terry McKay, Entertainment Leo Leblanc and Past President Dean Lawrence. A meal followed the meeting allowing for a time of fellowship.

On 11 April 2007, MCpl Allan Stewart, a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons who was born and raised in the Miramichi area, was one of six Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan during the Easter period. A memorial service was held on 24 April 2007 in CFB Gagetown in honour of the six fallen soldiers and many members from the Chapter attended the ceremony. As MCpl Stewart's funeral and interment were held in Ontario, the people of the Miramichi had no opportunity to pay their respects to one of their own that had fallen in battle and therefore, at the request of the family, the Miramichi Chapter coordinated an ecumenical service held on 11 May 2007 in Miramichi, NB. Over eight hundred people were in attendance to pay their respects and say farewell to this fallen hero.

In May 2007, members from the Chapter attended the annual parades for the Air and Army Cadets in Miramichi, which has become a yearly tradition with this Chapter. As well, members from the Chapter attended the Wall dedication in at the Bathurst Legion in honour of CWO Robert Gerouard, killed in Afghanistan.



Some members of the CPVA Miramichi Chapter gather with soldiers of 2 RNBR (North Shore) prior to the start of Canada Day parade July 1st, 2007.



A D Day parade with a memorial service was held by 2 Royal New Brunswick (North Shore) Regiment on 3 June 2007 in Miramichi and the Chapter participated in the ceremonies in full force. June also brought the loss of a peacekeeper from our ranks and members attended the memorial service and funeral of Arthur Godin who served in World War II and peacekeeping duties in the 1950s.

Canada Day has become a big event for the Miramichi Chapter and this year was no exception. Members paraded and as in the past our float, a UN Observation Post, was highly visible and prominent in the parade. As well, with the Chapter flag and marching party, UN OP float, two Chapter vehicles and members of 2 RNBR(NS) in two vehicles, the Chapter footprint was the largest in the parade



Checking out the UN OP before the parade, left to right: Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Kelly, Vice President Ray Kokkonen, President Jim Muck

We of Miramichi Chapter continue to hold get-togethers with our spouses and friends every couple of months in order to keep in touch and pass on news and stories which we may have heard in our travels. This continues and we move these events around our area so that members living outside the immediate Miramichi area have an opportunity to show off their home areas. Everyone looks forward to these events and enjoy them very much.

We look forward to the Blue Beret and hope to catch up on the news from other Chapters in this issue. All members of Miramichi Chapter extend best wishes to all members of the CPVA across this great country, with hopes for a safe and happy summer.

Dean Lawrence
Past President



INAUGURATION OF CPVA QUÉBEC REGION



Montreal, QC. With the anticipated confirmation by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association* (CPVA) to be held on the 25th of August 2007, I am honoured to have been chosen to serve as the Regional Chair for the CPVA in Québec. Privileged by this appointment, I have accepted the task to regroup our veterans in Québec into the CPVA and to help build the CPVA vision for the future.

The establishment of Québec Region will present some special challenges not met in other regions of the country. Nevertheless, the recruiting base is fairly large. For example, 63% of former peacekeepers come from Québec. The Montreal region provides the majority of Canadian police and peace officers for MINUSTAH, the francophone UN mission in Haiti. Moreover, French-Canadians are now serving in Afghanistan and will do so in increasing numbers as the next rotations are sent forth from Québec to wage war against terrorism.

If CPVA is to grow stronger as it evolves and goes forward into the twenty-first century realities of Canadian civil and military society, as it adjusts for the infusion of new veterans, it is vital for our recognition as a legitimate veteran's association to represent the entire country. The inclusion of the Québec Region will give CPVA added leverage with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) as well as with other veteran's service organisations nationally.

I therefore wish to solicit your support for the inauguration of the CPVA Québec Region, its Charter to be retroactive to the 9th of August 2007, soon to legally become our **National Peacekeepers Day**. I look forward to working with CPVA members across Canada as well as with the representatives of other veterans' organisations in Québec.

Karl O. Morel, CD, BA
CPVA Québec Regional Chair



The Peacekeeping Memorial in St. John's, Newfoundland



INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING COMMEMORATIVE DATES

May 29th

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS

The United Nations General Assembly has declared in favour of an *International Peacekeepers' 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.

August 9th

NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS' DAY

The *National Peacekeepers Day* Bill C-287 was proposed to recognize the service of Canadians in the service of peace. It is meant to recognize Canadian Peacekeepers; past, present and future. Officially adopted by several provinces and many municipalities across Canada, August 9th was chosen because it was on that date in 1974 that the greatest single loss of Canadian lives on a peacekeeping mission occurred. *National Peacekeepers Day* in Canada is about commemoration and recognition of Canadian peacekeepers; thanks to those who help make the peacekeeping duty less arduous; and remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of peace.

DISCLAIMER

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October 24th

UNITED NATIONS DAY (UN Charter Anniversary)

The anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter on the 24th of October 1945 is celebrated since 1948 as *United Nations Day*. It has traditionally been marked throughout the world by meetings, discussions and exhibits on the achievements and the goals of the Organisation, hence peacekeeping, which counts among its objectives.

September 21st

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The United Nations *International Day of Peace* contributes to the observance and celebration of the strengthening the ideals of peace and alleviating tensions and causes of conflict. It offers a unique opportunity for the cessation of violence and conflict throughout the world, hence peacemaking and peacekeeping, and the related importance of achieving the broadest possible awareness among the global community. The *International Day of Peace* shall be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and peoples to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the day.

Sources:

<http://www.un.org/events/peaceday/2006/index>
<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/un.htm>
<http://www.un.org/events/unday/2006/index.htm>

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CANADIAN MILITARY CONFLICT CASUALTY FIGURES

(Please note that the sources vary.)



LEST WE FORGET

CONFLICT	YEARS	CASUALTIES
Boer War	1899-1902	242
First World War	1914-1918	61,332
Second World War	1939-1945	44,893
Korean War	1950-1953	516
United Nations Peacekeeping	1947-2006	115
Multinational Peacekeeping	1954-2007	8
Gulf War	1991-1992	0
European Union Peacekeeping	1991-2007	0
NATO in Somalia	1992-1993	0
NATO in Southwest Asia	2001-2006	6
NATO Peacekeeping	2002-2006	12
NATO in Afghanistan	2002-2007	66
TOTAL	1899-2007	107,190

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM





PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dave Munro, CD

Hopefully you are enjoying your summer; these are stressful days for those serving members and their families. Every day we see the news from Afghanistan. We are very proud of our troops who are serving there. We are always mindful of the Families who wait for their safe return. What we do not see or hear about are those that are serving at home or abroad in other countries and at sea. They and their families also deserve our prayers and thanks.

I had the opportunity from June 9th. to the 14th. to attend the B.C. Yukon Command Royal Canadian Legion convention in Victoria on behalf of CPVA and CAVUNP, specifically for our B.C. chapters and members. The theme of my address to the convention was to continue to expand our relationship with B.C. Yukon Command. Many CPVA and CAVUNP members in B.C. are also active members of B.C. Yukon Command. As an example, the Victoria Chapter of CPVA Treasurer, Frank Chevrier, was selected the best Sergeant-at-Arms for the convention. Joan Chevrier, worked the electronics to ensure all speeches, resolutions and day to day business of the convention was recorded to be transcribed at a latter date.

The Legion needs to increase its ordinary members - those who have served in the military and RCMP. My address identified some of the changes that should occur as a starting point within B.C Yukon Command. If these changes occurred it may be possible to have our chapters and members to have a Legion leadership role and still maintain our Associations. An example of this type of organization would be the Legions T.B. Vets Branch. To further review and explore this possibility the B.C. Yukon Command First Vice President Cde. Dave Sinclair asked me to sit on his Futures Committee. Dave Sinclair has been one of the key people who have ensured a good working relationship in the past few years between B.C. Yukon Command and CPVA, CAVUNP. I will also be the South Vancouver Island Zone Service Officer & Seniors and Veterans chair. I have accepted these appointments. I believe working together will make both organizations stronger.

We in Victoria have a 14 unit housing project underway with a developer Mr. Russ Riddle his brother and the city of Colwood. These will be high quality affordable individual rental units available for veterans and their spouses. This will be a pilot project that we hope to showcase in the Western Region of V.A.C to start and then go National. Any bona fide veterans' organization may become involved in the administration of these rental units. More to follow in the next news letter.

We received an e-mail from Rights Management inquiring if CPVA is still interested in working with Rights Management they have been awarded the National contract from VAC for a Job Placement Program. I have e-mailed the firm that CPVA is interested and willing to be involved at all locations throughout the nation. (Note: This is subject to final approval by CPVA)

Note that this article has been edited for both content and length by request of the writer.
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**CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING VETERANS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007 – BY CONFERENCE CALL
1500 hrs EDT, 25 August 2007**

CONVOCAATION INSTRUCTION

GENERAL

As advised on 8 March 2007, the national CPVA Annual General Meeting 2007 will be held by conference call at 1500 hrs EDT, 25 August 2007. In preparation, the draft agenda was sent out for review and comments on 20 June with the outline of the meeting procedures. This now is the instruction and final agenda (attached) for the AGM. The meeting is expected to last approximately two hours.

PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION

As it would be unreasonable to attempt to hold a conference call with every member participating directly, the membership will be represented by the Chapter Presidents (or Chapter designated representative) and the national Membership Chair. The procedure is intended to be that the Chapter Presidents will carry the votes of the Chapter members, either by specific vote on each issue or as a block proxy, as decided by each Chapter. It is also recommended that Chapters select scrutineers to be present with the Presidents for the conference call so that the Presidents are protected from possible future allegations of wrongdoing in relation to the AGM. The votes of members who are direct national members will be carried and cast by the national Membership Chair, as directed by each national member who will be contacted prior to the AGM to seek their decision on each issue. The elected members of the CPVA Board will participate in the conference call and the meeting will be chaired by the CPVA President, Tom Hoppe.

AGM DOCUMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The necessary reports and background information for the AGM, such as the By-Law amendment motions, will be sent to each Chapter and national member in sufficient time for review prior to the AGM. It is expected that the Chapters will meet to discuss and to determine how they will vote about various matters and to give direction to the Chapter Presidents.

VOTING ON BUSINESS ITEMS AND ELECTIONS

The number of paid up members for each Chapter and the numbers of direct national members will be verified and announced at the beginning of the meeting. The Chapter Presidents may cast votes up to the number of paid members the Chapter has, in any configuration of votes: for, against or abstain. The same applies to the Membership Chair for casting the votes of the national members. For elections, the Chapter Presidents and the Membership Chair will declare the number of votes for each candidate to the maximum number of their members – this ensures a secret ballot. Additionally, the elected members of the Board participating in the call will be allowed a vote on each issue and the election, however, the CPVA President will not be allowed to vote except in the case of a tie vote.

CALL-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE CALL AND COSTS

The numbers for dialling into the conference call will be sent later to registered representatives. CPVA National HQ will bear the costs for the conference call arrangements and Chapters are expected to pay for their own long distance charges for the call.

REGISTRATION

Chapters are requested to register their one designated representative no later than 20 August 2007 to the National Secretary, Jeff Willis, jwillis2@cogeco.ca, telephone (613) 545-1425.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing arrangement will provide an effective, genuinely democratic process and representation of each member nationally, and will address the problem of national decisions being made locally where the AGM is held. Clearly, it will also allow national participation at the lowest possible cost.

Ray Kokkonen, CD
Vice President (for the President)
27 July 2007



**CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING VETERANS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007 – BY CONFERENCE CALL
1500 hrs EDT, 25 August 2007**

AGENDA

1. PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1. Call to Order, Notice of Meeting, Quorum, Opening Remarks (President)
- 1.2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Votes of Chapters and National Members (Secretary)
- 1.3. Approval of Agenda
- 1.4. Review and Approval of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 8 August 2006

2. REPORTS

- 2.1. President's Annual Report for 2006/2007
- 2.2. Treasurer's Financial Report for 2006/2007
- 2.3. Membership Report for 2006/2007
- 2.4. Board Members (VP and Secretary, as necessary)
- 2.5. CPVA Chapters (Regional Chairs – if possible)
- 2.6. New Veterans Charter (Special Assignments)
- 2.7. Other Reports (as necessary)

3. AUDITORS' REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007

5. SANCTIONING THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 6.1. CPVA Vision and Long-term Plan (President)
- 6.2. CPVA Name Change Status (President)
- 6.3. Annual Plan 2007/2008 (President)
- 6.4. Communications Plan – Blue Beret, CPVA Website, Marketing and Recruiting (VP)
- 6.5. Annual Membership Fees and Deadline Dates (Membership Chair)
- 6.6. CPVA Annual Budget 2007/2008 (Treasurer)
- 6.7. Constitutional and By-Law Amendment Motions (VP)

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

8. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS

- 8.1. Election of Treasurer (President)
- 8.2. Appointment and Ratification of Officers (President)

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT



THE NATIONAL TREASURER

BIOGRAPHY

Lorne Cooney, CD,

PERSONAL

Born in 1957 in Montreal, Quebec, Lorne served in the Canadian Forces (CF) for close to 30 years. After retirement from the CF in 2003, he settled in Kingston, Ontario, with his wife Maureen and two children. He continues to live there with the addition of a grand-daughter to the family. He works for the City of Kingston and also volunteers as a City Fire Department Captain.

MILITARY SERVICE

Following three years in the Reserve Force as an Armoured Crewman, which also included a tour in Germany, Lorne joined the Regular Force in 1979 as a Medical Assistant with postings to CFB Petawawa, CFBE Lahr and CFB Summerside. When Summerside closed, he remustered to the Preventative Medicine trade and was posted to Kingston in 1991. Lorne remained there until retirement in 2003. During his service in Kingston, he was deployed to both Somalia and Rwanda with 1 CDHSR.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lorne has worked as a volunteer firefighter since 1996 and was promoted to Captain after the CFB Kingston fire department was amalgamated with the City of Kingston. He has also been the Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Township Firefighters Association for eight years. Lorne also works as a Volunteer Coordinator with the Canadian Blood Services for Kingston East. He has been the Treasurer of the Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association (CPVA) for the past year.

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Lorne's medals include the Special Service Medal (SSM) with NATO Bar, the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM), the UNOSOM (Somalia) Medal, the UNAMIR (Rwanda) Medal, and the Canadian Decoration (C.D.) with service bar & rosette. He is a recipient of the Land Force Central Area (LFCA) Commander's Commendation.

SUMMARY

Lorne has proven his motivation and dedication to work as a volunteer. He relishes and enjoys the challenge of continuing his work with CPVA and his past military service and other organizational experience have given him the essential skills and knowledge to qualify him to continue to make a valuable contribution to our Association as its Treasurer.



The Peacekeeper

A veteran's poem by Rune Bjornsen



*You saw them die on TV
Then you got your orders
To go there yourself
You went*

*You said goodbye to your loved ones
Walked aboard the plane
It lifted from the ground
You fell asleep*

*You walked out of the plane
Smelled the air
Looked around
At a foreign country*

*You loaded your rifle
Hoping you would never have to fire it at
someone
Lifted your pack
Boarded the transport*

*You tried to take it in
The burned houses
The litter in the streets
On the way to your new home away from
home*

*You arrived at your base
Got your kit stowed away
Went on your first patrol
Heart pounding a little extra*

*You met them then,
The people getting killed on TV
Smiling at you
Spitting at you
You did your job*

*In the evening you kicked in a door, and
ransacked a house looking for weapons
You found them in the newborn baby's
cradle*

You did your job

*You sat in an observation tower for
twelve hours during the midday heat
Watching the fields so that the farmers
could bring in the harvest in safety
In the evening the farmers threw stones
at you, and threatened to kill you
You did your job*

*You saw your best friend die
He stepped on a mine placed there the
night before
The next day you escorted the killers'
children to school
You did your job*

*You called your loved ones on the phone
on Christmas Eve
You told them you missed them, that you
wished you were with them*

*Then you picked up your rifle, and went
on another patrol
You did your job*

*You did it for six months, a year, forever
Then you packed your kit
Got on the transport
Fell asleep*

*Your plane landed in your own country
Your loved ones waited at the airport
Waited for you
You came home...**A VETERAN***



CPVA LIST OF

CANADIAN VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANISATIONS



THE ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA (ANAVETS)
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