THEY ARE OUR HEROES. WE SHALL NOT FORGET THEM.
CE SONT NOS HÉROS. NOUS NE LES OUBLIERONS JAMAIS.

18 August 2024

Dear friends and family,

We are preparing in earnest for the 47th Annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Service. It will be held on Parliament Hill Sunday September 29, 2024 at 11am.

This year we will be honouring the life of RCMP Constable Rick O'Brien who was killed September 22, 2023 while serving his community. We will gather in support of his family and friends along with all the families and friends of Police and Peace officers who have lost their loved ones in service to their communities.

We also add the names of five historical officers to our Honour Roll: Constable John Ringwood, Newfoundland Constabulary (1877); Lieutenant Edwin G. Sturrock, CF Military Police Group (1943); Forest Officer Jacob Hasse, Alberta Department of Lands and Forests (1951); Corporal Kencel L. Milton, CF Military Police Group (1960); Lance Corporal Serephin Hartman, CF Military Police Group (1965).

Our service format this year will look a little different than in recent years.

We will be sharing the lawn on Parliament Hill with another very important national event, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The orientation of our service will shift to face East Block where the podium, the wreaths, and headdress will sit.

We ask all parade participants to report to the usual mustering location around the Supreme Court and Wellington Street between Kent and Lyon Streets. There is limited parking available behind Confederation Building and street parking available on the adjacent roadways.

Please assemble in your respective agencies in the mustering area. From there you will be sent up in groups by agency through the Bank Street gate onto Parliament Hill to be re-mustered in columns on the lawn.

Please arrive early to the mustering location to give yourself plenty of time to find your service and get organized. We will start sending groups onto the Hill no later than 10am.

The parade must be formed up and dressed off in columns by service or agency on the lawn no later than 10:30am.

Parade Marshalls will be on hand to assist with mustering and direction.

The Parade Orders are still being developed. Stand by for more in the coming weeks.

Pipe Bands will meet and form up behind West Block. Motorcycles will form up on Wellington Street between Bank and Kent Streets.

The start of the service will be preceded by a procession of combined services police motorcycles who will roll onto the Hill in formation and past the podium before exiting the Hill onto Wellington.

The Massed Pipe Bands will follow immediately behind from West Block along with the Wreath Escort and Hat Escort.

The 47th Annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service will commence at 11am and will last approximately one hour.

At the conclusion of the service we will conduct our traditional March Past the Headdress in column of route. Columns are directed to continue marching west until they are off the Hill to give all columns the opportunity to conduct their March Past and properly pay their respects.

The Minister's Reception following the service is an invite-only event restricted to the families being honoured this year along with invited guests of the Minister.

Our weekend events will include the Next-of-Kin Welcoming Reception to host the families of fallen officers on Saturday evening. This will be followed by a Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial Tablets where the families can take some private time to reflect prior to Sunday's service.

We are also looking forward to see our supporters from the Run to Remember and Ride to Remember arriving on the Hill at 3pm Saturday September 28, 2024.

The Memorial Ribbon is a folded blue ribbon on black backing with the Memorial logo in the center. We encourage the wearing of the ribbon in accordance with each individual services' policies beginning Monday September 23 through the end of day Sunday September 29, 2024.

Ribbons for your service can be acquired by visiting: www.memorialribbon.org

We will send out full Parade Orders in the coming weeks.

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