



Veterans' Memorial

The Veterans' Memorial commemorates the sacrifices of Canada's veterans who served and continue to serve their country in war and peace. Officially unveiled on September 17, 2006, the anniversary of the first parliament of the province of Upper Canada, the memorial holds a place of prominence on the front lawn of today's legislature.

The memorial, designed by Canadian artist Allan Harding MacKay and landscape architectural firm Phillips Farevaag Smallerberg, consists of a 30-metre (100-foot) long granite wall etched with scenes from Canada's military history since Confederation.

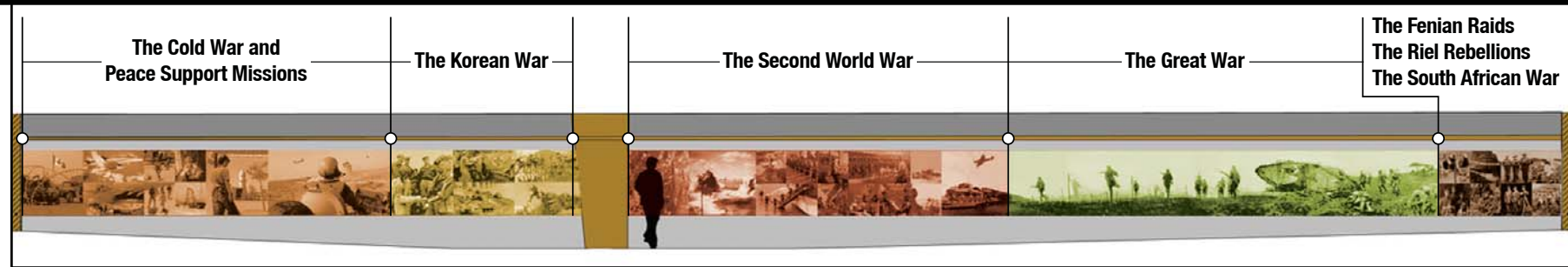
Approximately 2.6 (eight feet six inches) metres tall, the wall is also inscribed with text written by poet Jane Urquhart, and military historian Professor Jack Granatstein.

A red maple tree, planted behind the central panel of the wall, and selected for its bright red fall colour, symbolizes the sacrifices of soldiers.

The annual falling of leaves represents human loss in past and continuing conflicts.

The memorial also features a stone-paved gathering area, a seating wall, paths and a gently sloping lawn.

The images on the wall are described on the following pages.



The Cold War and Peace Support Missions



1. Canadian compound with American vehicles, Kandahar air base Afghanistan, Operation Apollo, 2002
2. Air Force fighter on NORAD duties
3. A Sea King helicopter conducts a boarding exercise on the ship "Protecteur" in Persian Gulf during the Gulf War
4. Royal Canadian Navy ships in Gulf War
5. M-113 armoured personnel carrier patrolling Cyprus "Green Line", dividing the Turkish and Greek enclaves
- 6-8. Various Peace Support and Cold War operations
9. Quebec ice storm activities, 2002
10. Female soldier with abandoned mosque in background at Kandahar air base Afghanistan, Operation Apollo, 2002
11. Armed personnel carrier on patrol and Hercules aircraft overhead on perimeter of Kandahar air base Afghanistan, Operation Apollo, 2002

The Second World War



19. Bombers over North West Europe, likely 1944
20. Convoy protection North Atlantic
21. Invasion Normandy, Mustang
22. D-Day – June 6, 1944
23. Royal Canadian Air Force women marching
24. Departure scene – Second World War
25. Home front
26. Departure scene – Second World War
27. Second World War black Canadian enlistees
28. Kilted soldier, Italy, 1943-1944
29. Treating wounded child, France, 1944
30. Revised Flower Class ship, corvette "Halifax", 1943
31. Escort ships on North Atlantic patrol – Second World War
32. Second World War production effort with Spitfire

The Korean War



12. Canadians and Korean villagers
13. A Royal Canadian Regiment casualty being evacuated on the 38th parallel after the assault on Chail-Li on May 30, 1951
14. Sherman tanks in Korea
15. A company of Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry on patrol in Korea
16. Soldiers on patrol in Korea
17. A company of Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry on patrol in Korea
18. Soldiers on patrol in Korea

The Great War



33. Soldiers, wire and graveyard – Western Front 1916-1918

34. Canadian Corps advancing under fire during the assault on Vimy, April 1917

The Fenian Raids / The Riel Rebellions / The South African War



35. Billy Bishop in 1917-1918

36. First World War Canadian Soldiers, France or Flanders

37. Funeral of Sister Lowe in First World War cemetery in France

38. First World War First Nations enlistees

39. Toronto celebration, likely homecoming from South African War

40. Troopers – South African War

41. Canadian Mounted Rifles in Winnipeg around 1901. The men are wearing Boer War service dress and the "lemon squeezer" hat worn by many British cavalry units during the war. The long Lee-Enfield rifle was used by Canadian infantry and mounted infantry

42. The Cannington Militia – part of the 34th Battalion of the Ontario County Volunteers around the 1860s

43. The Battle of Ridgeway: In 1866, Fenian raiders crossed the Niagara River and engaged a mixed force of British soldiers and militia before withdrawing across the U.S. border

44. 1885 North West Rebellion: Battle of Cut Knife Creek fought on May 2, 1885. Attacked by Mounted Police, militia and regulars, Cree and Assiniboine warriors repelled the attack



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