



## Scenario Note

### 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War Commemorative Ceremony – Ottawa

<b>Subject</b>	<p>Veterans Affairs Canada will host a ceremony at the National War Memorial commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victory in the Pacific and the official end of the Second World War.</p> <p>Member of Parliament Marie-France Lalonde will deliver remarks and lay a wreath on behalf of the Government of Canada.</p>
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<p><b>Friday, 15 August 2025 at 11:00</b></p> <p><b>10:50 Arrival time</b> <b>11:00 Event Starts</b> <b>12:05 Event Ends</b></p> <p><b>Total duration: 1 hours 15 Minutes</b></p>
<b>Location</b>	<p><b>National War Memorial</b> Ottawa, Ontario</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Private and city parking lots are located nearby.</p>
<b>Host</b>	<p>Veterans Affairs Canada</p>
<b>MC</b>	<p>Stephanie Mitchell, Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association (HKVCA)</p>
<b>Media</b>	<p>Local and regional media will be invited.</p>

Participants	<p><b>Marie-France Lalonde</b>, Member of Parliament for Orleans <b>Senator Jane McAdam</b>, Senate of Canada <b>General M.A.J. Carignan, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD</b>, Canadian Armed Forces <b>Chief Warrant Officer Bob McCann, MMM, MSM, CD</b>, Canadian Armed Forces <b>Paul Ledwell</b>, Deputy Minister, Veterans Affairs Canada <b>His Worship Mark Sutcliffe</b>, Mayor of Ottawa <b>Councillor Wilson Lo</b>, City of Ottawa <b>Shawn Nault</b>, Minister of Red River Métis Veterans and Regional Director at Manitoba Metis Federation <b>Justin Woodcock</b>, First Nations Veterans Program Lead at the Southern Chiefs Organization <b>Mike Babin</b>, President HKVCA <b>Captain Mircea Daniel Banu</b>, Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain <b>Elder Claudette Commanda</b>, Anishinaabe (Algonquin) Elder <b>Elder Jimmy Durocher</b>, Red River Métis Veteran and Elder <b>Delia Carver-Kronick</b>, HKVCA, Commitment to Remember (English) <b>Mary Tang</b>, HKVCA, Commitment to Remember (French) <b>Colonel Philippe de Tanouarn</b>, French Defence Attaché, Act of Remembrance in French <b>Jim Trick</b>, HKVCA, Act of Remembrance in English <b>Julie Carver</b>, HKVCA, Prisoner of War Prayer in French <b>Randy Wing</b>, HKVCA, Prisoner of War Prayer in English <b>Shelley Babin</b>, HKVCA, Reading text from Hong Kong PoWs</p>	
Additional Guests	<p><b>Senator Rebecca Patterson</b>, Senate of Canada <b>Vivienne Poy</b>, Former Senator <b>General John de Chastelain, CC, CMM, CD, CH (Ret'd)</b>, Former CDS</p> <p>Members of the Diplomatic Corps Veteran organizations, Veterans, youth</p>	
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Professional services	<p><b>Photographer</b> <b>TBC</b> – VAC Communications</p>	<p><b>A/V</b> Quality Entertainment</p> <p><b>Video Stream</b> RSVP Events</p>

**Context / Description of event**

Veterans Affairs Canada will host a commemorative event at the National War Memorial in Ottawa to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in the Pacific and the official end of the Second World War.

<b>Event roll-out:</b>	All timings are considered local and subject to change.
<b>10:45</b>	Military Wives Choir is in place.
<b>10:45</b>	Guests continue to arrive at the National War Memorial and are greeted by Veterans Affairs Canada staff.
<b>10:50</b>	Vigil Party take places.
<b>10:55</b>	MC asks guests to take their seats. CAF ceremonial band in position
<b>11:00</b>	MC delivers welcome and invites guests to stand for the playing of the <i>O' Canada</i> .
<b>11:02</b>	<i>O' Canada</i> is performed by the Canadian Armed Forces band, accompanied by the Canadian Military Wives Choir.
<b>11:04</b>	MC invites <b>Elder Claudette Commanda</b> to welcome guests to the unceded, unsurrendered Territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.
<b>11:05</b>	<b>Elder Commanda</b> provides a traditional welcome.
<b>11:08</b>	MC thanks <b>Elder Commanda</b> and delivers opening remarks, providing historical context on the 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in the Pacific and the end of the SWW.
<b>11:10</b>	MC invites guests to stand for the start of the commemoration.
<b>11:11</b>	<i>Last Post</i> is performed by a Canadian Armed Forces bugler.
<b>11:13</b>	Moment of Silence.
<b>11:15</b>	<i>Rouse</i> is performed by a Canadian Armed Forces bugler.
<b>11:17</b>	<i>Lament</i> is performed by a Canadian Armed Forces piper.
<b>11:19</b>	MC invites <b>Colonel Philippe de Tanouarn</b> and <b>Jim Trick</b> to recite the Act of Remembrance.
<b>11:20</b>	The Act of Remembrance is recited in English and French.
<b>11:22</b>	MC invites <b>Mary Tang</b> and <b>Delia Carver-Kronick</b> to recite the Commitment to Remember in French and English.
<b>11:23</b>	The Commitment to Remember is recited in English, French.
<b>11:24</b>	MC introduces <b>Randy Wing</b> and <b>Julie Carver</b> to recite the Prisoner of War Prayer.
<b>11:25</b>	The Prisoner of War Prayer is recited in French and English
<b>11:26</b>	MC invites Captain Mircea Daniel Banu, Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain, to deliver reflection.

11:27	Captain Banu delivers reflection.
11:30	<p>The laying of wreaths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MP Marie-France Lalonde</b>, Government of Canada</li> <li>• <b>Senator Jane McAdam</b>, Senate of Canada</li> <li>• <b>His Worship Mark Sutcliffe</b>, Mayor of Ottawa, accompanied by <b>Councillor Wilson Lo</b></li> <li>• <b>Paul Ledwell</b>, Veterans Affairs Canada</li> <li>• <b>General M.A.J. Carignan, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD</b>, Canadian Armed Forces</li> <li>• <b>Shawn Nault and Justin Woodcook</b>, Indigenous Veterans</li> <li>• <b>TBC</b>, Youth of Canada</li> <li>• <b>Mike Babin</b>, Families of Hong Kong Veterans</li> <li>• <b>Diplomatic Corps</b></li> <li>• <b>Veterans Organizations</b></li> </ul> <p>Music provided by Canadian Armed Forces band.</p>
11:38	MC Announces changing of Vigil Party guarding Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
11:42	MC introduces Military Wives choir to perform <i>The Poppy Red</i> .
11:45	MC thanks Military Wives Choir and invites MP Marie-France Lalonde to deliver remarks.
11:46	MP Marie-France Lalonde representative delivers remarks.
11:48	MC thanks Government of Canada representative and invites <b>Shelley Babin</b> to read text written by a Hong Kong PoW.
11:51	MC thanks <b>Shelley Babin</b> and re-introduces Military Wives choir to perform the <i>Vera Lynn Medley</i> .
11:52	Military Wives choir performs
11:55	MC thanks Military Wives choir and introduces <b>Elder Jimmy Durocher</b> , Red River Métis Veteran and Elder to deliver closing reflection.
11:56	<b>Elder Durocher</b> delivers reflection.
11:59	MC thanks <b>Elder Jimmy Durocher</b> and asks guests to stand for playing of the Royal Anthem, performed by the Canadian Armed Forces band.
12:00	Canadian Armed Forces band plays the Royal Anthem, accompanied by the Canadian Military Wives Choir.
12:02	MC delivers closing remarks and thanks participants. MC introduces the song <i>Never Grow Old</i> by Alan Sandeman as closing song (Song recording played through PA).
12:05	Event ends. Guests depart at their leisure.