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History

The Hong Kong Veterans were a group of 1,975 poorly trained volunteers who fought to defend the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong in World War II from the Imperial Japanese. They fought a short, but brutal battle, that lasted two and a half weeks from December 8 to December 25, 1941.

For nearly four years, Canadian and allied prisoners of war (POWs) endured untold deprivation. Suffering from severe malnutrition and disease, they were forced to work as slave labourers. Approx. 290 Canadian soldiers were killed in battle and another 267 died as POW's in Japanese concentration camps. Over half the Canadians who went to Hong Kong were either killed or wounded.

The **Hong Kong Veterans' Commemorative Association** (HKVCA) was founded in 1996 by some of the children of the Hong Kong Veterans to carry on the work that their parents had started in 1946.

HKVCA MISSION:

To educate all Canadians on the role of Canada's soldiers in the Battle of Hong Kong and on the effects of the internment of the battle's survivors on both the soldiers and their families. We also assist in the support and welfare of Hong Kong veterans and their widows.

Become a Member of HKVCA

Membership is open to anyone who is interested and it is \$15.00 a year. Visit: <http://www.hkvca.ca/contacts.htm> to learn more.

HONG KONG VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION

Patron: H. Clifford Chadderton, CC, O.Ont., OSJ, CLJ, CAE,
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We need your help to build the

'C' Force Memorial Wall



(Artist rendering)



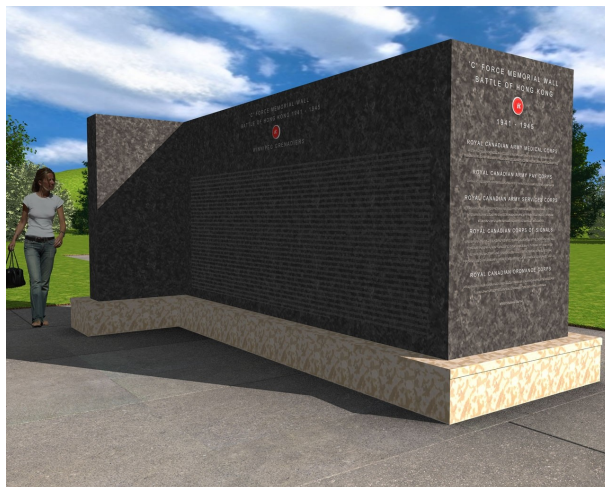
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"Never Forget"



(Artist's rendering)

'C' FORCE MEMORIAL WALL

Battle of Hong Kong 1941- 1945

Why a Memorial Wall?

When the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association was formed, the veterans asked us to create a memorial so that the Canadians who fought in Hong Kong and what they experienced, would not be forgotten. Recently an opportunity to make this a reality has come to light and we in the HKVCA can now fulfill our promise to the Hong Kong Veterans.

The Details

Our Aim: to create a lasting memorial to the 1975 Canadian men and women who were sent to assist the British in defending Hong Kong against the Japanese invasion.

Where? Ottawa, Ontario - National Capital Commission (NCC) land with easy accessibility for the public, possibly near the National War Museum.

Completion Date: approx. August 2010

Cost: \$100,000 estimated

Size: the wall is black granite, 12 feet long by 6 feet high by 1 foot thick with 2 end walls 4 feet by 6 feet by 1 foot thick with a 1 foot white granite base surrounded by a patio 10 feet by 15 feet.

Inscriptions: On each side of the long faces of the wall will be inscribed the names of the Royal Rifles of Canada and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. On each short end of the wall,

will be inscribed the names of the Brigade Headquarters units that supported the two battalions that served in Hong Kong.

Funding: Members of the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association will be soliciting funds from the HKVCA family towards the Memorial Wall. Corporations and agencies will also be approached for assistance in this project.

We Need Your Help

How to contribute: Cheques made out to "HKVCA - Memorial Wall" may be sent to Barry Mitchell, the National Treasurer at:

**P.O. Box 381
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2H6**

Or Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association Head Office at:

**Suite 164, 1 Stafford Rd
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Or online through www.CanadaHelps.org

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Donations over \$20.00 towards this project will receive charity receipts. Large donations will receive special recognition.