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A Brand New Logo

To mark its 100th anniversary, the Last Post Fund (LPF) has adopted its first official logo, which we proudly introduce in this issue of *The Bugler*.

Over the years, one recurrent element in the visual identification of the LPF has been a soldier playing the bugle. This image suggests the passage of time as the bugler plays the "Last Post" for departed Veterans, our targeted clientele. Since the bugler is heard at every LPF commemorative ceremony, this silhouetted figure was seen as a most appropriate symbol to personify our new logo, designed by Marinelli+Ancil Art & Design.

Last Post Fund Day in B.C. 5 November 2009



B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell (left) and Col. (Ret) Sam Dunbar, President, Last Post Fund B.C. Branch.

The B.C. Legislative Assembly has proclaimed 5 November 2009 as Last Post Fund Day in honour of 100 years of ensuring that Canadian and Allied Veterans are guaranteed a dignified funeral and burial, as well as a military grave marker.



"The Last Post Fund recognizes that those who served in Canada's military deserve to be remembered with respect now and by future generations," said Premier **Gordon Campbell**. "These veterans made an incredible contribution to our shared freedoms. It's important that their final resting spots are provided and marked in a way that commemorates such a contribution. The Last Post Fund provides dignity and remembrance that is beyond value."

"For a century, the Last Post Fund has worked to honour those who served their country and the cause of freedom around the world," added Surrey-White Rock MLA **Gordon Hogg**. "I was pleased to work with Operation Remembrance and the Last Post Fund in 2006 to identify and mark the graves of 36 Veterans at Sunnyside Lawn Cemetery. Both have continued to identify and mark Veterans' graves across B.C."

Vancouver Winter Olympics

Three Last Post Fund Members in the Torch Relay



Roland Lortie



Evelyn Kelly



Dominique Jamet

Last December, braving the snow and the cold, three members of the LPF had the outstanding honour to carry the 2010 Olympic Torch. Joining with 12,000 other Canadians, they were part of a 100-day, 45,000-kilometre journey to be concluded in Vancouver with the opening ceremony of the 21st Olympic Winter Games.

Early morning on December 2, LCol (Ret) **Roland Lortie** from the Québec Branch could be seen carrying the precious flame near Alma in Québec. In the evening of December 10, the Executive Director of the Last Post Fund, LCol (Ret) **Dominique Jamet**, had his turn as a torchbearer on beautiful Mount-Royal in Montreal. Finally, on December 21, LCol (Ret) **Evelyn Kelly** from the Ontario Branch ran her own stretch of the Relay in Welland, Ontario. Said Kelly: "I held it high for all to see as we were all part of this very surreal moment. I am deeply honoured and so proud to be among such a rare and august group of Canadians."

Mozart's Requiem To Honour and to Remember



On Saturday June 5, following the LPF annual commemorative ceremony at the Notre-Dame-des-Neiges and Mount-Royal cemeteries in Montreal, a concert entitled *A Requiem to Honour and to Remember* will take place at Saint-Joseph Oratory of Mount-Royal.

This special event will honour the memory of those Veterans long ago departed and who now rest in both cemeteries. That is where the first official Last Post Fund interments took place a century ago in newly-acquired lots on Mount-Royal. The concert will also highlight the engagement of Veterans from the Canadian Forces who served our nation with dignity in times of war and peace.

Veterans Affairs Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion – Québec Command and the Canadian Forces are major partners of this event, whose objective is to promote closer ties between military organizations and associations. On that occasion, we will also celebrate the annual Canadian Forces Day.

More details in our May edition of *The Bugler*.

Provincial MLA Statements

To mark the centennial of the Last Post Fund in 2009, Members of the Legislative Assembly of four provinces have issued Statements recognizing the commitment and support of our organization for Canadian and Allied Veterans. They are: British Columbia, Newfoundland, Ontario and Québec. A well-deserved official recognition!

Funeral, Burial and Grave Marking Programs Report on Year 2009

In the past 12 months, the Last Post Fund allocated some \$7.5 millions in grant as part of Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program. More than 1,700 Veterans have benefited from this program. In addition, close to \$310,000 were spent to provide grave markers to 313 Veterans who passed away more than five years ago but whose graves had no military monument. Moreover, some \$32,000 were also used to provide headstones or markers for 31 members of the Canadian Forces, as part of the National Defence Marker Program.

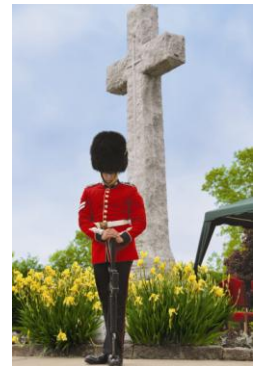
Programs	Cases	Amounts	Average
Funeral & Burial	1,708	\$ 7,562,514	\$ 4,428
Special Grave Marking	313	\$ 309,995	\$ 990
National Defence Markers	31	\$ 32,332	\$ 1,043

The National Field of Honour For Members of Police Forces Engaged in Peacekeeping Missions

Until recently, Canadian and allied Veterans, to be eligible for burial in the Last Post Fund National Field of Honour, had to have been serving during the Second World War or the Korean War, have participated in peacekeeping missions of the United Nations or have been awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service.

For many years, several members of police forces have served and valiantly continue to serve our country, alongside our military, in peacekeeping missions around the world. In order to express our gratitude for their involvement, the LPF Québec Branch has established new eligibility rules for these men and women who wish to be interred at the National Field of Honour. Therefore, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other Canadian police forces who served in UN peacekeeping missions or in special operations areas now have access to the National Field of Honour as their final resting place, as have done more than 15,000 Canadian and Allied Veterans.

Located in Pointe-Claire, Québec, the National Field of Honour was designated as a National Historic Site in 2009 by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.



Did you Know that...

... as of March 2009, Canada's Veteran population included:

- 12,710 Korean War Veterans? Average age is 77.
More than 26,000 Canadians served between 1950 and 1953.
- 163,450 Second World War Veterans? Average age is 86.
Over one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served between 1939 and 1945.
- 591,900 modern-day Veterans? Average age is 54.
- One known Veteran of the First World War, John "Jack" Babcock? He will be 110 years old in 2010. More than 650,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders served between 1914 and 1918.