

*The Korean War Veteran*

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# The Last Hurrah

A final Gathering of  
The Korea Veterans Association  
of Canada



Réunion finale de  
l'Association canadienne des  
vétérans de Corée

Held at The Fairmont Hotel  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
Sunday, August 28th  
to  
Wednesday, August 31st, 2011

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH:**

Arrival of delegates from Canada, the United States, Britain and Australia. Delegates register at the Registration Desk in the Main Lobby in order to obtain their rooms and keys to rooms.

Registration for The Last Hurrah on the Mezzanine floor of the Fairmont from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A registration form to be completed to indicate attendance at various functions (see below).

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH:**

Late registrations on the Mezzanine floor at the Information Desk from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Viewing the "The Real MASH", an award-winning 48 minute film about the Korean War on the Mezzanine floor from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Introductory comment by Colonel David J. Clark, a representative of U.S. Department of Defense. This film was produced by Min Sook Lee, a Canadian of Korean origin. Meet-and-Greet in casual dress from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight or later on the Mezzanine floor. Name tags will facilitate entry.

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH:**

National Executive Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at a designated conference room on the Mezzanine floor of the Fairmont. Following this meeting, participants will travel by taxi to the Army, Navy & Air Force 303 clubrooms, 341 Wilton Avenue, where they will join the other delegates for lunch.

Travel by bus from the Fairmont at 10:00 a.m. for a tour of the Manitoba Legislature, considered by many to be the most beautiful legislative building in all of North America. Travel from the Legislature to the Army, Navy & Air Force 303 clubrooms for lunch at 12 noon. Lunch \$5.00 per person payable on arrival. Dress casual. Name tags to be worn.

Cash bar at 5:30 p.m. on the Mezzanine floor with Banquet to begin at 6:30 p.m. Dress formal with blazers and medals. Performance by Korean Dancers and Drummers. Head table for VIPs. Brief greetings and comments from KVA Canada President John Bishop and designated head table guests. Reservations for tables of 10 can be made. Name tags will facilitate entry.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST:**

Depart Fairmont hotel at 9:00 a.m. by bus for CFB Shilo in western Manitoba. Arrive at 12 noon for lunch at WOs & Sergeants Mess. Greetings from the Commanding Officers of CFB Shilo, 2 PPCLI and RCHA. Tour of base and

Museum. Depart Shilo at 3:00 p.m. and return to Fairmont at about 6:00 p.m. A \$5.00 charge per person for lunch and \$10.00 for transportation will be collected.

### **MEDICAL AND OTHER EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911**

Winnipeg has outstanding medical services. The main Winnipeg Police station is very close to the Fairmont. St. Boniface Hospital and Health Sciences Centre are within a few minutes of the Fairmont. Other hospitals are also available. In the case of a medical emergency, such as a heart attack, call 911 and paramedics will respond immediately. Call the registration desk at the Fairmont if you need additional information or assistance. Don't hesitate or wait. Call immediately. Heart attacks, in particular, require rapid attention.

### **DINING DURING THE LAST HURRAH:**

You are expected to arrange for your own meals except for those listed in the schedule above. The Fairmont has excellent dining facilities that are open from early in the morning until late in the evening, or you can order food to your room. The Winnipeg Square shopping area adjacent to the Fairmont also has a number of restaurants, including a food mall next to the TD Bank. The restaurants in the Winnipeg Square are generally only open during business hours from about 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during week days, and not on weekends. Hy's Steak House and Bar is located on the main floor of the Richardson Building, which is adjacent to the Fairmont, and which can be called at 204 942-1000 for reservations. Yes, Winnipeg Square even has a McDonald's! Winnipeg has about 1,100 restaurants. Look in the yellow pages if you are looking for a culinary adventure.

### **VERY IMPORTANT PERSONS AT THE LAST HURRAH:**

Invitations have been extended to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay, Minister of Veterans Affairs Steven Blaney, and the Korean Ambassador to Canada. Senator Yonah Martin of the Canadian Senate, a Canadian of Korean origin, will be present. The Premier of Manitoba and Mayor of Winnipeg have been invited. The heads of various military and regimental organizations have also been invited. We expect a number of guests from the Korean community. We are pleased that a delegation from the United States Department of Defense, headed by Colonel David J. Clark will be in attendance, as well as Jim Ferris, the 1st Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States. We are especially pleased that Korean War veterans from the United Kingdom and Australia will be in attendance.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT PLACES OF INTEREST IN WINNIPEG:**

Information about places of interest will be provided in a booklet for your

convenience. You need to make your own arrangements for these optional visits because coordination would be very difficult. However, feel free to consult with staff at the information desk on the Mezzanine floor if you need assistance.

Winnipeg has many places of interest that are available for veterans and guests. If you are interested it is suggested that you travel by taxi to the places you wish to visit. Some of the most popular tourist places are described below. We strongly recommend that you PHONE each facility before embarking on trips to the facilities to ensure that you come within visiting hours.

### **TAXI INFORMATION:**

Taxis are usually available at the entrance to the Fairmont Hotel. You may also call for taxis as follows: Unicity Taxi: 204 925-3131 or Duffy's Taxi: 204 925-0101 or Spring Taxi: 204 774-8294. The current charge for travelling by taxi is an initial meter charge of \$ 3.50 and then \$ 1.71 per kilometer. These rates may change slightly.

### **MEMORIES PROJECT AT THE LAST HURRAH**

Jill Paterson, the Project Manager of the Memories Project and some of her staff are planning to register for The Last Hurrah in Winnipeg from August 28th to August 31st, 2011. They are attending for the purpose of interviewing veterans of the Korean War. I have discussed this project with KVA Canada President John Bishop and both of us are very much in favour.

Many hundreds of WWII veterans have already been interviewed by this federally-sponsored organization. All interviewees at the Last Hurrah in Winnipeg will be volunteers and interviews will take place at times that do not conflict with main events. Volunteers will be recruited at the time of the registration at the Fairmont Hotel on August 28th and 29th. A member of the federal cabinet, Heritage Minister James Moore has been invited and we believe that he will attend. Don't be shy or modest! We need your input. Please volunteer in advance by writing to me at [czuboka@mts.net](mailto:czuboka@mts.net) or by writing to me at **3006- 55 Nassau St. N., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2G8.**

### **REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REGIMENTS AND SERVICES:**

Lt. General (Ret.) Ray Crabbe, PPCLI's Colonel of the Regiment will be attending The Last Hurrah. We are also very interested in having representatives from the Royal 22nd, RCRs, Armoured Corps, Artillery and the services attend The Last Hurrah, but we need names and addresses. Please contact [czuboka@mts.net](mailto:czuboka@mts.net) if you

are able to provide any information in this regard. Invitations will be extended to all representatives as soon as we obtain their names and addresses. Or, you can simply invite people on your own

Inviting people to The Last Hurrah is a complex and difficult process. KVA Canada President John Bishop has also been issuing invitations. Please keep in mind that all interested persons are welcome to attend, and not just Korean War veterans. We especially welcome the children, grandchildren and widows of Korean War veterans, and we know that many are planning to attend.

### **EDITORIAL NOTE FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERAN:**

Although the “Last Hurrah” event has been billed as the “last gathering” of KVA Canada, the semantics suggest that the association will disintegrate and members will never meet again.

For many KVA Canada members and other veterans it probably will be their last opportunity to meet on a broadscale with hundreds of veterans present, thus the enthusiasm in this event.

Actually, it is the last national general meeting of the association. However, other events will continue, including a meeting at the Korean War Veterans Wall of Remembrance in Brampton, Ontario on *Korean War Veterans Day*, July 27, 2012. There will also be important activities scheduled in 2013 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement that brought the Korean War to its end.



