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INKY MARK, M.P.  
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OTTAWA, 3 April 2007

Dear Mayor/Reeve and Members of Council:

**RE: Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act**

Canada has no national memorial for her Fallen

On March 26, 2007 I introduced a Private Member's Bill in the House of Commons that would see the creation of a Memorial Wall for Canada's fallen soldiers and peacekeepers.

Since 1885 over 115, 000 people have died in the service of their country.

Before 1970, by Canadian law, those heroes were buried in the countries where they died. Their bodies were either lost at sea or are buried in seventy-three countries around the world.

The Memorial Wall would be the only national memorial to properly honour all of those who have given their lives in wars and peacekeeping duties. It will allow Canadians and visitors the opportunity to understand the magnitude of the sacrifice that was made to ensure we maintain the rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

This concept has been the dream of Ed Forsyth, a Canadian veteran who served in the 4th Armoured Division during World War II. Ed and his son Robert Forsyth have been diligent in their desire to see the creation of this structure. Those who want more details on the Memorial Wall can visit the website at [www.memorialwall.ca](http://www.memorialwall.ca).

I am writing to ask for your support in this initiative. Enclosed is a sample resolution for council's consideration and a petition form to collect signatures in support of this legislation. Please return them as soon as possible along with your comments or suggestions, postage free to: Inky Mark, M.P., House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6.

It is time we properly recognize our fallen soldiers and peacekeepers. This legislation is another step to ensuring that Canada will never forget their sacrifice.

It is time for Canada to have a national memorial for her Fallen

Sincerely,

Inky Mark, M.P.  
Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette

Enclosure (9)

## **SAMPLE RESOLUTION**

### **Subject: Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act**

**WHEREAS** Canada has yet to properly honour, in a suitable location that is always accessible to the public, the NAMES of ALL of OUR FALLEN in wars and peacekeeping;

**AND WHEREAS** over 115,000 Fallen have their graves in seventy-three countries and hundreds of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** their remains, by law, cannot be repatriated to Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** we must create a suitable national shrine to our fallen;

**AND WHEREAS** proper recognition will show our gratitude and respect for their sacrifice;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the \_\_\_\_\_ request that the Government of Canada enact Private Members Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act.

## PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, draw attention to the House to the following:

**THAT WHEREAS** Canada has yet to properly honour, in a suitable location that is always accessible to the public, the NAMES of ALL of OUR FALLEN in wars and peacekeeping;

**AND WHEREAS** over 115,000 Fallen have their graves in seventy-five countries and hundreds of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** their remains, by law, cannot be repatriated to Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** we must create a suitable national shrine to our fallen;

**AND WHEREAS** proper recognition will show our love and respect for their sacrifice;

**THEREFORE**, your petitioners request that Parliament provide a suitable area of public land to be used for the location of a Memorial Wall of Names of all of Canada's Fallen. The petitioners also request that this memorial, a national shrine, be created in a timely manner and maintained to honour those that gave their lives for our country.

### **SIGNATURES**

(Original signatures; do not print)

### **ADDRESSES**

(Give your home address, city, province and postal code)

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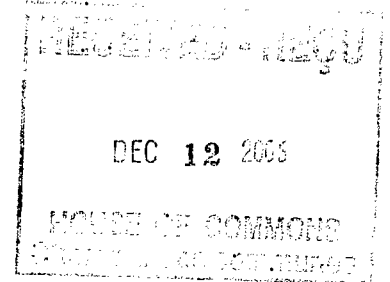
  
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December 7, 2006

Mr. Inky Mark, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6



Dear Mr. Mark:

I have been asked to endorse your ongoing effort to create a new memorial to Canadians who lost their lives in service of our country.

Last month, I received a letter from Mr. Ed Forsyth, of Toronto, a veteran of Canada's forces in the Second World War and director of the proposed Memorial Wall of Names project. He asked for my support for this initiative, and requested that I write to you to indicate so. I am happy to do this, and encourage anyone who can assist in the project's development to do so with commitment and vigour.

In 2009 – just three years from now – we will mark the seventieth anniversary of the start of the Second World War. 2009 will also mark the ninety-fifth anniversary of the start of the First World War. Canadian soldiers served with heroism and distinction in those wars, in both previous and subsequent conflicts, in the peacekeeping missions for which our country is justly respected, and still serve us abroad today. It is difficult to find words that do justice to the spirit of these men and women. I hope it is enough to say that what we can do to remember them, we must do.

I extend my enthusiastic support for this memorial project, and urge you to continue with your leadership in Parliament of the effort to make it a reality.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Munk

Copy: E.D Forsyth

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA

1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion Association  
435-436 & Burma Squadrons Association  
Aircrew Association  
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Bomber Command Association Canada  
Burma Star Association  
Canadian Airborne Forces Association  
Canadian Corps Association  
Canadian Fighter Pilots Association  
Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association Inc.  
Canadian Naval Air Group  
Canadian Naval Divers Association  
Canadian Paraplegic Association  
Canadian Tribal Destroyer Association  
Dieppe Veterans and Prisoners of War Association  
Ferry Command Association  
First Special Service Force Association  
Hong Kong Veterans Association of Canada

Jewish War Veterans of Canada  
KLB (Konzentrations Lager Buchenwald) Club  
Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council  
Metropolitan Toronto Police War Veterans Association  
National Aboriginal Veterans Association  
National Prisoners of War Association (E.T.) of  
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Nova Scotia Naval Officers Association  
Nursing Sisters' Association of Canada  
R.C.A.F. P.O.W. Association  
Royal Air Forces Escaping Society  
Royal Canadian Air Force Pre-War Club of Canada  
Royal Naval Association - Southern Ontario Branch  
Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association  
South Alberta Regiment Veterans Association  
Submariners Association of Canada (Central Branch)  
The Algonquin Regiment Veterans' Association  
The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of  
Canada Association  
The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association

The Dodo Bird Club of Ex-RCAF Flight Sergeants  
The Korea Veterans Association of Canada  
The Limber Gunners Associations  
The Military Vehicle Hobbyists Association  
The Naval Officers Association of Canada, Montreal  
Branch  
The Overseas Club - Canadian Red Cross Corps  
(Overseas Detachment)  
The Polish Combatants' Association in Canada  
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association  
The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Association  
The Royal Canadian Naval Association  
The Royal Canadian Regiment Association  
The Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded  
The Toronto Scottish Regimental Association  
The War Amputations of Canada  
War Veterans & Friends Club  
White Ensign Club Montreal  
Wren Association of Toronto

December 8th, 2006

Mr. Inky Mark, PC MP  
Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette of Manitoba  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Mark:

Re: Memorial Wall of Names

We have received correspondence from Ed Forsyth with regard to the support of the National Council of Veterans Association (54 organizations) for the Memorial Wall of Names of our Fallen.

The subject of the Memorial Wall of Names was raised for discussion at our Annual Meeting and received unanimous approval.

We hope that the NCVA endorsement of your Bill will be helpful.

Kind regards.

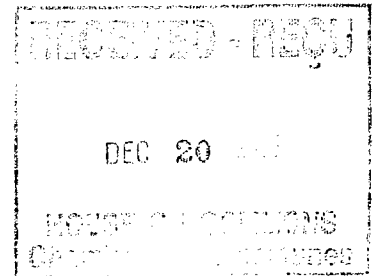
Yours sincerely,



H.C. Chadderton, CC, O.Ont., OStJ, CLJ, CAE, DCL, LLD  
Chairman

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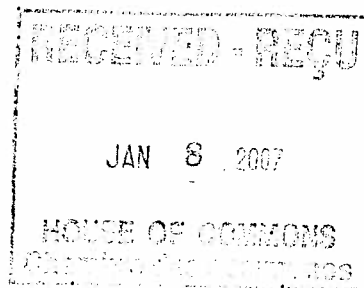
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19 December 2006

File: 35-1

Mr. Ed Forsyth  
170 Sloane Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario M4A 2C3

Dear Comrade Forsyth:

Thank you for your proposal outlining the "Memorial Wall of Names" project. This wall is a significant Remembrance initiative and its creation will serve to bring recognition and honour to our fallen Comrades. As the Chairman of The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Poppy and Remembrance Committee, I am pleased to extend the Legion's support for this important endeavour.

Once completed, this Memorial Wall of Names will be a commemorative site where Canadians can pause and reflect upon the accomplishments and selfless sacrifices of the 117,000 men and women whose homecoming was only dreamed of. It will also serve to strengthen the collective reminiscence of a grateful nation toward all veterans.

As the Guardians of Remembrance, the Legion has pledged to perpetuate the memory and deeds of those who sacrificed their lives for us. This Memorial Wall of Names will succeed in doing exactly that – ensuring that our veterans are never forgotten.

The Royal Canadian Legion commends you for your initiative and extends wishes for much continued success as you work to see the Memorial Wall of Names project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Patricia Varga  
Chair, Poppy and Remembrance Committee

cc. Hon. Inky Mark, MP

# **F.A.Q - WHY THIS MEMORIAL?**

## **BENEFITS TO CANADA**

- 1) Canada needs this memorial for all the benefits of education, heritage, unity and history.
- 2) This memorial will visually demonstrate the numbers and the magnitude of losses as never before. Reminding us that freedom is not free.
- 3) This memorial will show the diversity of peoples who sacrifice for our values and freedoms.
- 4) Canada will be the first nation in the world to create such a comprehensive memorial.
- 5) Students can be involved in positive education in many areas of participation and tours.
- 6) Countries that, in part, owe their freedom to our military may be involved. Their new generations will be informed and respectful toward Canada.
- 7) The memorial will inspire youth to do their best to become good citizens.
- 8) This memorial will educate new Canadians of the sacrifices made by past generations.

## **NEXT OF KIN**

- 1) Next of kin of those who died before 1970 are not permitted to bring home their remains. In 2004, one of our Unknown was repatriated to Canada and buried in the New Tomb of Canada's Unknown Soldier.
- 2) All will be able to take photos or rubbings of cherished names from the Memorial Wall.

## **RIGHTS AND JUSTICE**

- 1) Our Fallen deserve this recognition and honouring in their country.
- 2) It is only since 1970 that we repatriate our Fallen with full honours and with respect for the next of kin.
- 3) For each of us to honour our promise "We Will Remember Them." Let us know their Names.

## **RECOGNITION**

- 1) There is no complete collection and recognition of the names of our Fallen in a suitable public place.
- 2) There are one hundred War Cemeteries of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and hundreds of burials in church graveyards. Over one thousand are buried beneath the waves of many seas.
- 3) About 20,000 of those buried overseas have "known to God alone" on their grave markers. On the memorial they will receive proper recognition.
- 4) Every Name is not just a word - each represents a child, a brother, a sister, a parent, a son , a daughter- all who's lives were ended by the violence of war.

## **THE FALLEN**

- 1) What better citizens has a country than those, who in perilous times volunteer to serve, anywhere they may be sent, accepting all challenges and dangers, so to defend our liberties and values.
- 2) These individuals are those that showed the greatest love for humanity. How young they were, many only youths, never with the chance to marry or be parents.
- 3) Love for country came early for many of those that served, the ages will prove this. Youth are responsible, long before they are adults.
- 4) The majority of Canadian citizens have not been able to visit the graves of their loved ones due to distance, cost and even impossible situations. This memorial may at last provide an acceptable substitute. It will show the same data as on the existing grave markers. It will be the place where all can visit and show their respect and love.

**OUR FALLEN, IN FOREIGN LANDS, TOTAL 104,087**

**THERE ARE 16,586 BURIED IN CANADA**

**THEY ARE BURIED IN OVER 5800 CEMETERIES**

**MAY CANADIANS NEVER FORGET OUR FALLEN**



# **The Memorial Wall of Names Inc. Foundation**

## **Supports Mark's Bill**

### **To Build The Memorial Wall of Names**

Ottawa, March 27, 2007

#### **The Need**

This Memorial Wall of Names will serve as a proper memorial for the next of kin, family and friends who are unable to travel abroad to **visit the graves of the Fallen**. They will be able to visit and experience the gratefulness of Canada.

Before 1970 by Canadian Law our Fallen were buried in the countries where they died. These brave men and women volunteered unconditionally, showed their love for country and made the greatest sacrifice.

There are **over 116,000 names** of our Fallen, to date, which would be included on this Memorial. Since 1885, their bodies have been buried in many seas, in seventy-three countries around the world, in over one hundred CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) War Cemeteries, and 5,800 church graveyards. There are thousands with no identified graves, with the simple inscription "Known only to God".

**Mission:** The mission of "Memorial Wall of Names Foundation"(84021 6675 RR0001 ) is to suitably recognize and honour Canada's Fallen. Through this gesture we aim to **"bring our fallen home"** so that their Names will be recognized publicly at home for all time.

**Vision:** The vision is to create a memorial that will fulfill our often repeated promise: "We Will Remember Them" we will recognize their Names "Lest we Forget".

#### **Highlights of the Memorial Wall of Names:**

The Memorial Wall of Names will be the only national memorial to properly honour all of the names of the women, men, military and civilians who laid down their lives for Canada in all of our wars and peacekeeping duties.

The Memorial Wall of Names will allow Canadian citizens, newcomers and visitors the opportunity to comprehend the magnitude of the sacrifice that is made to protect Canada's rights and freedoms.

#### **Action:**

Please lend your support to Inky Mark, M.P. for Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette in Manitoba for his Bill and this project. Make this memorial a legacy of our generation by spreading the word and encouraging individuals to support this legislation.

For further information on the Memorial Wall of Names Foundation please contact Ed Forsyth or Robert Forsyth, or visit [www.memorialwall.ca](http://www.memorialwall.ca).

#### **Primary Contacts:**

**Ed Forsyth or  
Robert Forsyth**

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## **Inky Mark, Member of Parliament Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette**

### **Memorial Wall of Names**

For Immediate Release

27 March 2007

### **Mark introduces Private Member's Bill to create a national Memorial Wall of Names**

(Ottawa) This morning, in the House of Commons, Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette, M.P. Inky Mark introduced a Private Member's Bill that would see the creation of a Memorial Wall for Canada's fallen soldiers and peacekeepers.

Mark commented, "Since 1885 over 115, 000 people have shown unconditional sacrifice and died in the service of their country. Before 1970, by Canadian law, those who have fallen were buried in the countries where they died. These individuals have either been lost at sea, or are buried in seventy-three countries around the world."

"The Memorial Wall would be the only national memorial to properly honour all of those who have given their lives in wars and peacekeeping duties. It will allow Canadians and visitors the opportunity to understand the magnitude of the sacrifice that was made to ensure we maintain the rights and freedoms we enjoy today."

Mark later held a press conference with representatives of the Memorial Wall of Names project and Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

"We must properly recognize our fallen soldiers and peacekeepers and the sacrifice that they have made. This legislation is another step to ensuring that Canada will never forget their sacrifice," Mark concluded.

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For more information, please contact:  
Inky Mark, MP (613) 992-3176  
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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORIAL WALL**

- (1) The Minister shall establish a Memorial Wall comprising the names of all of Canada's fallen soldiers and peacekeepers.
- (2) The Minister shall determine the design of the Memorial Wall and a suitable area of public land for the memorial wall to be located.

## **COLLECTION OF NAMES**

The Minister shall collect the names of all Canadian soldiers and peacekeepers who die or have died during international peacekeeping missions and wars, and record their names on the Memorial Wall.

## **TIMELINE**

The Memorial Wall shall be completed not later than two years after this Act comes into force.

## **MEMORIAL WALL TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY**

The list of names on the Memorial Wall shall be brought up to date no less than once a year.

For an official version of this Bill, please visit:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=2801436&Language=e&Mode=1&File=14>

## **BILL C-417**

An Act to establish a Memorial Wall for Canada's fallen soldiers and peacekeepers

### **SUMMARY**

This enactment requires the Minister of National Defence to establish a Memorial Wall that will comprise the names of Canada's fallen soldiers and peacekeepers and have it located on a suitable area of public land.

### **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS Canada has yet to properly honour, in a suitable location that is accessible to the public at all times, all of our fallen soldiers and peacekeepers;

WHEREAS over 115,000 of our fallen soldiers and peacekeepers have their graves in seventy-five countries and hundreds of cemeteries around the world;

WHEREAS their remains cannot be repatriated to Canada;

WHEREAS we must establish a suitable national shrine to honour our fallen soldiers and peacekeepers;

AND WHEREAS proper recognition for our fallen soldiers and peacekeepers will show our love for them and our respect for their sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows

### **SHORT TITLE**

This Act may be cited as the *Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act*.

### **DEFINITIONS**

"Memorial Wall" means the Memorial Wall to be established.

"Minister" means the Minister of National Defence.

"public land" means an area of land owned by the Crown that is accessible to the public at all times.