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- REMINDER -
AUGUST 9TH - PEACEKEEPERS DAY
THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS IN UN
PEACEKEEPING AND THE CANADIAN LANDMINE FOUNDATION
SALUTE CANADIAN PEACEKEEPERS
Saint-John-sur-Richelieu - Town Hall - 10AM

On Wednesday August 9th, The Succursale Major-Général Alain R. Forand Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) and the Canadian Landmine Foundation (CLMF) will salute the courage and sacrifice of Canadian peacekeepers by observing "Peacekeepers Day." The Chapter will hold an event in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu followed by a second event in Chambly.

A very special ceremony will occur at the event in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu that will take place at the Town Hall (188, rue Jacques-Cartier Nord) beginning at 10 am. The CLMF will be presenting a certificate to Major-General (ret'd) Alain Forand, one of Canada's most decorated peacekeepers.

While on United Nations duty during the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus, then-Captain Forand risked his life under fire by rescuing two injured soldiers. For this action he was awarded the Star of Courage. Major-General Forand later earned the Meritorious Service Cross for his work in Croatia, where in 1995 he guaranteed the safety of 1,200 Serbs who sought protection.

To honour the 50th Anniversary of modern day peacekeeping, this summer the **Canadian Landmine Foundation** launched the **Peacekeepers Day Yard Sale**. The campaign, which culminates on Labour Day, asks Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast to hold yard sales to salute Canada's leadership role in peacekeeping. Visit www.clmf.org to register a yard sale, and receive a tax receipt upon donation of the proceeds. Those not holding yard sales can make a direct donation to the Peacekeepers Day projects.

Proceeds from the Peacekeepers Day Yard Sale campaign will clear approximately 40,000 square metres of land from landmines and unexploded bombs in Afghanistan in recognition of General Forand. As a result, the lives of Afghanistan will be improved in his name.

About Canadian Landmine Foundation

The Canadian Landmine Foundation is a managing partner in the global Adopt-A-Minefield campaign for landmine action with partners in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Sweden. A registered Canadian charity, the Foundation offers the unique guarantee that 100% of Campaign donations will be used to fund mine action projects. The Foundation was created at the request of then Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy following the ratification of the Ottawa Treaty banning the production, use and trade of anti-personnel landmines. Mr. Axworthy now sits on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

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