

# May 26<sup>TH</sup> Annual United Nations Peacekeepers Service at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River

At 10:45 on May 26th 2024 The Veterans Memorial Park in keeping with its mission statement of Education, Remembrance and Peace held The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers Ceremony.

United Nations, NATO and other Canadian Armed Forces Veterans arrived on motorcycles enmasse led by 2 Vintage Military Jeeps; transporting one of our World War 2 Veterans.

The Royal Canadian Legion Colours, Serving Members, Veterans and the RCMP marched in, led by the RCMP Pipes and Drums. A Military service followed including the laying of wreaths with serving members as escorts. Two Canadian soldiers were remembered by family with fitting tributes and the planting of Dappled Maples.

Peace officers lost in the line of duty were also remembered, and speakers from The Canadian Armed Forces, and Wounded Warriors Canada participated. Finally a tree for peace was dedicated by the members of the Veterans Memorial Park Board. The VMP would like to acknowledge funding from Veterans Affairs Canada Community Engagement and the ongoing partnership between the park and Dalhousie Agricultural Campus. A reception followed at Victoria Hall.



RCMP Pipes and Drums provided music for the annual United Nations Peacekeepers Service on May 26th. (McNutt Photo)



The colour party stands guard at the May 26th annual United Nations Peacekeepers service at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River. (McNutt Photo)



Colchester Mayor Christine Blair laying the wreath on behalf of the three levels of Government. (McNutt Photo)



The Honourable Peter MacKay, whom has been very supportive of the Veterans Memorial Park, since it's inception in 2008, spoke at the service representing The Wounded Warriors of Canada. (McNutt Photo)



A local WWII Veteran, who is 99 years old and spent four years at sea aboard minesweepers attended the annual United Nations Peacekeepers Service and was provided transportation in a vintage jeep. (McNutt Photo)

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9-8-8 the Suicide Crisis Helpline number as well as Provincial Crisis line 1888-429-8167 Mental Health Crisis Line 1-833-456-4566 The Hope 1-800-883-6094 and the Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 were available in the program. For more information about the ceremony or the park please visit the park's: Website [www.veteranmemorialpark.com](http://www.veteranmemorialpark.com) facebook Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River , NS Instagram veteransmemorialparks

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