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REMEMBRANCE DAY – SOLEMN CEREMONY IN VALCARTIER

November 11, 2021 – Courcelette, QC – 2nd Canadian Division Support Base – Valcartier

About fifty soldiers gathered today at Base Valcartier to commemorate Remembrance Day during a ceremony that was both sober and solemn. The members present celebrated the memory of those who died in service and honoured those who served during the conflicts in which the Canadian Armed Forces took part.

For the third year, the ceremony included a performance by the Indigenous Defense Advisory Group (IDAG) of the song “Chanson de la victoire.” The mission of the IDAG is to advise and inform senior management on matters affecting the recruitment, retention, development and promotion of Indigenous peoples within the Department of National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic context, the number of soldiers present had to be limited and spectators could not be admitted on the Base. The military community in the Quebec City region and the rest of the population, however, had the opportunity to watch the ceremony broadcast live on Facebook.

Quotes

“Although we had to reduce the presence of our soldiers for this ceremony due to the pandemic, it was very important for us to hold this gathering in front of the cenotaph located on the Base. Through the live stream on Facebook, we are happy to have allowed many people who wish to recognize the courage of the men and women in uniform to do so with us.”

Major Manuel Michaud, Coordinator of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Base – Valcartier

“As a military chaplain, Remembrance Day has a very special and profound meaning. This is not only a time to reflect about those who sacrificed their lives for Canada, but also to recollect about those who supported them. I am thinking here of bereaved families, victims of war and even enemies of various armed conflicts. Regardless of whether these people have or had faith, and regardless of their denomination, all are fundamentally spiritual beings and it is the duty of chaplains to recognize them.”

Major Julie Simard, Senior Chaplain of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Base – Valcartier

Quick Facts

- Sequence of the ceremony:
 - 10:45 a.m.: Gathering of participating staff
 - 10:47 a.m.: Reading by the master of ceremony and recollection music
 - 10:52 a.m.: Musical piece “Ô CANADA” (national anthem)
 - 10:54 a.m.: Prayer
 - 10:59 a.m.: “The Last Post” (bugle)
 - 11:00 a.m.: Two minutes of silence
 - 11:02 a.m.: “Reveille” (bugle)



- 11:04 a.m.: Helicopter flypast
 - 11:05 a.m.: Reading of a poem
 - 11:07 a.m.: Wreath laying
 - 11:12 a.m.: Indigenous performance
 - 11:15 a.m.: Musical piece “God Save the Queen”
 - 11:16 a.m.: End of ceremony
- Wreath laying (in order):
1. Lieutenant-Colonel Keven Larocque, representative of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group and Commanding Officer of the Operations Department of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group, accompanied by Chief Warrant Officer Jean Labelle, Sergeant Major of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group Operations Department
 2. Major Blaise Lapointe, representative of the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and Deputy Commander of the 5th Combat Engineer Regiment, accompanied by Master Warrant Officer Nicolas Côté, Acting Sergeant Major of the 5th Combat Engineer Regiment
 3. Mr. Jacques Bergeron, third Vice-President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 265, Lt.Col. Jean-Charles Forbes

Associated Links

- [Facebook page of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Base – Valcartier](#) (to look at the photos and watch the recorded ceremony)
- [Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 265 \(Quebec\)](#) (French Only)

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