



THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



Senator's Message

Greetings from Ottawa! Salutations d'Ottawa! 오타와에서 인사드립니다!

From my office in the Senate of Canada Building, the former train station where many young men and women departed for war, I see the historic National War Memorial and tomb of the unknown soldier. A symbol of pride and sacrifice for all Canadian Armed Forces personnel who have served Canada in the cause of peace and freedom. November 5th to 11th will mark Veterans Week, a time to remember the service and sacrifice of our brave heroes who fought in all wars, military conflicts and peacekeeping missions. Veterans Week 2022 commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, the 30th anniversary of Canadian peacekeeping in the Balkans and the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Hill 355 during the Korean War. As Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of Canada, I vow to ensure that the legacy of the Korean War is never forgotten. October was a busy month in Ottawa filled with

Parliamentary duties from debating important legislation in the Senate Chamber, hearing testimony from key witnesses and organizations in committees to hosting stakeholders and organizations on the Hill. As a BC Senator and Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition in the Senate, my staff and I will continue to serve and advocate for our constituents, hard-working families and small businesses. As we look ahead to November let us take a moment to remember the past and all those who served and sacrificed their lives so that we could live in peace, and all those still serving in uniform to defend freedom and democracy. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux. 우리는 그들을 기억할 것입니다.

~Senator Yonah Martin

70th Anniversary of the Battle of Hill 355 (The RCR)



October 23-24, 1952: the Battle of Hill 355 is a historic battle of the Korean War for the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR). Canadians landed on the shores of Korea to liberate a country they knew little about, brave members of RCR among them. Sacrifices were made and blood was spilled in defence of the shared values of freedom, democracy, and human rights. During the Korean War, the Royal Canadian Regiment made significant contributions to stabilizing the Korean peninsula; they fought in the battle of Kowang San and Hill 355, among others, to defend the Korean people. For this, Korea remains forever grateful. Today and always, we will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.

On the Hill

As Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, Senator Martin continued to fight for hard working Canadians and questioned the Government Leader in the Senate about labour shortages, inflation, fuel costs, small businesses, veterans and the Canadian armed forces. As Co-chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Medical Assistant in Dying, Senator Martin worked closely with her Co-Chair MP Marc Garneau and members of the committee to hear from key witnesses on the topics of mental health, palliative care and advanced requests. Senator Martin also welcomed the United Korean Commerce and Industry Association (UKCIA) to Ottawa for their 7th Annual Canada-Korea Economic Forum. She also hosted a meeting with the Korean War Commemorative Committee, which includes the Senate of Canada, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Canadian War Museum, Canada Korea Society and members of the PPCLI, R22R and The RCR regiments, to discuss the upcoming Veterans Week, Remembrance Day and looking ahead to the 70th anniversary commemorations for 2023. In November, among other special milestones and events we celebrate National Child's Day, Senator Martin will make a statement in the Senate Chamber to celebrate the rights of the child on National Child's Day. Veterans Week 2022 will begin with a special Remembrance Day ceremony in the Senate of Canada, on November 4th.

In the Community

October was a busy month filled with meetings & events, managing ongoing files and serving constituents. Senator Martin welcomed the new Consul General for the Republic of Korea in Vancouver, Jongho Kyun. She also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the UBC library, the National Day reception hosted by TECO in Vancouver, the UBC Sauder School of Business Executive Mentorship Program (EMP) Kick-off breakfast, and the Langley Leadership Prayer Breakfast along with local politicians and community leaders. Senator Martin also held weekly sessions for her 2022 Parliamentary interns.



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