THEY ARE OUR HEROES. WE SHALL NOT FORGET THEM.
CE SONT NOS HÉROS. NOUS NE LES OUBLIERONS JAMAIS.

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7 August 2025

Dear friends and family,

Preparations are underway for the 48th Annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Service. It will be held on Parliament Hill Sunday September 28, 2025, at 11am.

A Parade Briefing for agency/service commanders will take place at the Ottawa Police Association at 1230hrs on Saturday September 27. Please have valid identification to be permitted entry into the building.

This year we will be recognizing some historical additions to the Memorial while paying our respects to the over 900 police and peace officers who lost their lives while carrying out their duties in the service of their communities.

Our service format, posture, and footprint are the same as last year. We conduct our service on the lawn of Parliament Hill facing East Block.

Once again, we will be sharing the lawn on Parliament Hill with another important national event, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which takes place September 30.

We ask all parade participants to report to the usual mustering location around the Supreme Court and Wellington Street between Kent and Lyon Streets. There is limited parking available behind Confederation Building and street parking available on the adjacent roadways. There will be hard road closures so please allow yourselves enough time to arrive, find parking, locate your column, and muster with your services and agencies.

Mustering takes place between 0830hrs and 1000hrs.

Parade Marshalls will be on hand to assist with mustering and direction.

Pipe Bands will meet and form up on the north extension of Kent next to the Justice Building before stepping out onto Wellington ahead of their assigned columns.

Motorcycles will form up on Wellington between Bank and Kent Streets.

Step off will be 1020hrs sharp.

The 48th Annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service will commence at 11am and will last approximately one hour.

At the conclusion of the service, we will conduct our traditional March Past the Headdress in column of route. Columns are directed to continue marching west until they are off the Hill to give all columns the opportunity to conduct their March Past and properly pay their respects.

The Minister's Reception, hosted by The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, immediately following the service is an invite-only event restricted to the families of fallen officers.

Our weekend events will include the Next-of-Kin Welcoming Reception to host the families of fallen officers on Saturday evening. This will be followed by a Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial Tablets where the families can take some private time to reflect prior to Sunday's service.

We are also looking forward to seeing our supporters from the Run to Remember and Ride to Remember arriving on the Hill at 3pm Saturday September 27, 2025.

The Memorial Ribbon is a folded blue ribbon on black backing with the Memorial logo in the center. We encourage the wearing of the ribbon in accordance with each individual services' policies beginning Monday September 22 through the end of day Sunday September 28, 2025.

Ribbons for your service can be acquired by visiting: www.memorialribbon.org

Please see the Parade Orders for more details and instructions.

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