History

The Hong Kong Veterans were a group of 1,975 poorly trained volunteers who fought to defend the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong in World War II from the Imperial Japanese. They fought a short, but brutal battle, that lasted two and a half weeks from December 8 to December 25, 1941.

For nearly four years, Canadian and allied prisoners of war (POWs) endured untold deprivation. Suffering from severe malnutrition and disease, they were forced to work as slave labourers. Approx. 290 Canadian soldiers were killed in battle and another 267 died as POW's in Japanese concentration camps. Over half the Canadians who went to Hong Kong were either killed or wounded**.**

The **Hong Kong Veterans' Commemorative Association** (HKVCA) was founded in 1996 by some of the children of the Hong Kong Veterans to carry on the work that their parents had started in 1946.

HKVCA MISSION:

To educate all Canadians on the role of Canada's soldiers in the Battle of Hong Kong and on the effects of the internment of the battle's survivors on both the soldiers and their families. We also assist in the support and welfare of Hong Kong veterans and their widows.

Become a Member of HKVCA
Membership is open to anyone who is interested and it is $15.00 a year. Visit: http://www.hkvca.ca/contacts.htm to learn more.

F.E.P.O.W. Prayer

And we that are left, grow old with the years,
Remembering the heartache, the pain and the tears,
Hoping and praying that never again,
Man will sink to such sorrow and shame,
The price that was paid, we will always remember,
Every day, every month, not just in November

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Patron: H. Clifford Chadderton, CC, O.Ont., OStJ, CLJ, CAE, DCL, LLD

We need your help to build the
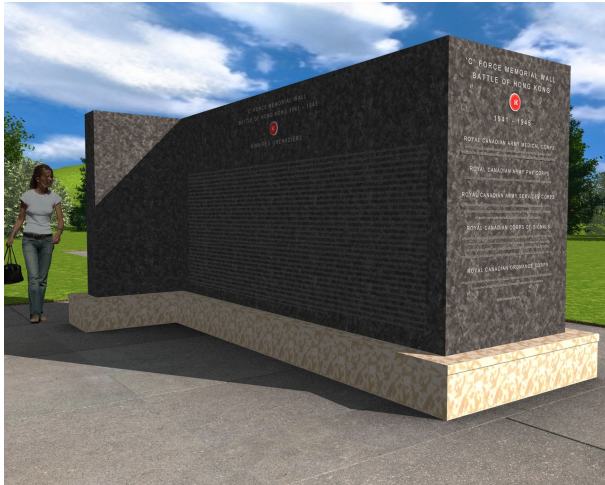
'C' Force Memorial Wall

(Artist rendering)

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"Never Forget"

(Artist's rendering)

'C' FORCE MEMORIAL WALL

Battle of Hong Kong 1941- 1945

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Why a Memorial Wall?

When the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association was formed, the veterans asked us to create a memorial so that the Canadians who fought in Hong Kong and what they experienced, would not be forgotten. We can now fulfill our promise to the Hong Kong Veterans.

The Details

Our Aim: to create a lasting memorial to the 1975 Canadian men and women who were sent to assist the British in defending Hong Kong against the Japanese invasion.

Where? Corner of King Edward Avenue and Sussex Drive across from the National Research Council in Ottawa, Ontario.

Completion Date: approx. 15 August 2009

Cost: Phase 1 $100,000 completed, Phase II   additional expenses outlined in the NCC contract. Phase III memorial to Gander.

Size: the wall is black granite, 12 feet long by 6 feet high by 1 foot thick with 2 end walls 4 feet by 6 feet by 1 foot thick with a 1 foot white granite base surrounded by a patio 10 feet by 15 feet.

Inscriptions: On each side of the long faces of the wall will be inscribed the names of the Royal Rifles of Canada and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. On each short end of the wall, will be inscribed the names of the Brigade Headquarters units that supported the two battalions that served in Hong Kong.

Funding: We have completed phase I and will continue to solicit funds for Phase II and III through our members and corporations.

We Need Your Help

How to contribute: Cheques made out to **"HKVCA - Memorial Wall"** may be sent to Barry Mitchell, the National Treasurer at:

**P.O. Box 381
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Or Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association Head Office at:

**Suite 164, 1 Stafford Rd
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Or online through **www.CanadaHelps.org**

CanadaHelps is a charitable organization sanctioned by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to assist other charity associations with the collection of donations via the internet and to issue charity tax receipts.

Donations over $20.00 towards this project will receive charity receipts. Large donations will receive special recognition.