## 2021 HKVCA Ontario Report

We had very few things happen in Ontario in 2021 due to Covid. As with the rest of the country everything is on hold until this is all over and it is safe to gather again.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> of 2021, there were many small personal events organized in Canada to commemorate the Anniversary of the release of the Prisoners of War, also known as VJ Day. In Ontario there were Commemorative events in Toronto, Ottawa, Markham, London and probably a few more that we don't know about. Some were large but a lot were small individual commemorations at Cenotaphs and memorials to our Veterans.

A project that was initiated in Ontario in 2020 was Lawn Signs. This has gone over quite well and to date we have sent out about 44 of the signs that can be used for special commemorations. These can be done personally on VJ Day, Remembrance Day, Anniversary of a Veterans passing or whatever is felt is an appropriate time. It has since been offered as a National project and has gone quite well in the other Regions

We are hoping for a better time in 2022/2023 when we can all get back to being able to gather once again and commemorate our veterans by attending ceremonies and re-starting our Plaque Dedications again.

I would like to thank Mike Babin and Lori Smith who, along with myself, have served as your Executive for quite a few years. We feel honoured to serve you and represent you in Ontario

Respectfully submitted by

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