

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN VETERANS'  
ASSOCIATION



Revised Constitution

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# AN APPEAL

Dear fellow Canadians,

During the year 1967 Canada will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its national birth. Ukrainians have witnessed and participated in well over 75 years of this history of Canada's greatest and most glorious growth to full nationhood. For the first Ukrainian immigrants to Canada came in 1891.

During the first World War (1914-1918) thousands of Ukrainians in Canada voluntarily offered their services to Canada's armed forces in spite of the fact that through lack of knowledge and information in official circles too often they were considered as undesirable and even alien. During that war Pylyp Konoval, who recently died in Ottawa received the highest decoration in the British Empire, the Victoria Cross, for heroism in combat against the Germans on the Western Front.

From the arrival of the first Ukrainian immigrant to Canada Ukrainian Canadians have freely and voluntarily participated in every effort of Canada, in the armed forces and in every other way possible in the defence of Canada, its nationhood, its independence and that freedom which is so dear to all of us.

During the Second World War (1939-1945) the estimated number of Canadians of Ukrainian origin serving in the armed forces of Canada rose to somewhere between 40 to 50 thousand (statement of the late Brigadier Trudeau) of whom about 10,000 were listed in one form or another in the archives of the UKRAINIAN CANADIAN SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION (Active Service Overseas) — U. C. S. A.

Today, there are residing in Canada thousands of other Canadians of Ukrainian origin who have served on various fronts, in various other military allied formations such as the British, American, Polish and other forces, in the revolutionary formations of IUPA, in the First Ukrainian Division of U. N. A. in the various free and independent Ukrainian armies during the two world wars, before, between and since, who have served wherever and whenever they could as best they could, in the circumstances in which they found themselves, for the same ideals and ideal of freedom, justice and democratic liberty with which they now live as free citizens in this dearly loved and appreciated adopted homeland.

Without exact and accurate research it is difficult to establish the total number of Canadians of Ukrainian origin who are veterans or who have served in the armed forces but the temporary provisional efforts made in this direction by the Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Association (UCVA) indicate that the number may be between 75 and 100 thousand, if not more, taking into consideration the very large numbers who served and are still serving in the active and reserve forces now, in various cadet and other para-military formations, police forces, etc.

On the occasion of Canada's Centenary in 1967 the UKRAINIAN CANADIAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION proposes to publish a list of names and addresses of all those referred to above in the form of A GOLDEN BOOK OF THOSE WHO SERVED and who are now living in Canada as citizens of this grand country. In order to help us collect and collate this information and materials the National Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Veterans' Association (UCVA) is appealing to all Ukrainian Canadians of good will, to all organizations, to all church parishes to all executives, to all priests and ministers of our Ukrainian churches in Canada, to all member organizations of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee and all its branches throughout Canada, to collect and send in to the General Secretary of the Association the names and addresses of any veterans known to them. Duplication is much preferable to neglect. All names and addresses should be sent to:

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

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UKRAINIAN CANADIAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

REVISED CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME

The name of the Organization shall be the -- UKRAINIAN CANADIAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION -- in short, U.C.V.A. or UCVA.

11. HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Organization shall be located at any address determined by the National Council or Dominion Executive or Convention and may be moved from one Centre to another, if necessary.

III. OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND PURPOSES

The aims of the Organization shall be: -

1. - General
2. - Social and Cultural
3. - Historical and Scientific
4. - Humanitarian

1. General

- (a) To unite together in one body all Canadian Citizens of Ukrainian origin who have served in any military or para-military forces and through combined effort uphold the traditions of Canadian democratic government and those rights and freedoms traditional to Canadian constitutional and democratic government.
- (b) To encourage all Ukrainian Canadian Veterans who served in Canadian or Allied forces in two World Wars or since, to join existing Royal Canadian Legion Branches, or to form Legion branches where there is a need and branches do not exist.
- (c) To co-ordinate the non-local activities of such branches insofar as they may concern all veterans and all Ukrainian-Canadians and insofar as they themselves may wish this to be done.
- (d) To encourage Ukrainian Canadian Veterans of all formations now resident in Canada to form UCVA branches wherever 10 or more veterans happen to be located, in common cause and interests.
- (e) To provide an Organization and means of contact for individual Ukrainian Canadian veterans who may be removed from any organized veterans' body but wish to belong to a veterans' Organization.

## 111. OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND PURPOSES (continued)

### 1. General (continued)

- (f) To cater to and serve the special interests and needs of all and any Ukrainian veterans in Canada wherever they may be and regardless whether they belong to the Organization or not.
- (g) To help promote unity, tolerance and mutual respect among all veterans and to discourage racial or other forms of discrimination in Canada in any shape or form.
- (h) To attend to the interests and needs of wives and families of Ukrainian-Canadian veterans, war-brides, widows and descendants and/or immediate relatives insofar as this may be possible by providing donations, services, bursaries, scholarships and other forms of social care and welfare.
- (i) To maintain a central unifying and co-ordinating body which can serve as spokesmen in expressing the united views, opinions, feelings and desires of veterans in Canada of Ukrainian origin.
- (j) To represent Ukrainian Canadian Veterans in the Ukrainian-Canadian Committee and through this body or separately to support the legitimate wishes and claims of the Ukrainian people wherever they may be.

### 2. Social and Cultural

- (a) To provide for all veterans of Ukrainian origin in Canada a means of social contact and association.
- (b) To organize, arrange and promote local, regional, provincial and national periodic social functions, festivals, balls, picnics, re-unions and get-togethers in order to celebrate traditional, religious and national festivals and holidays and thus encourage the preservation of customs and traditions dear to all Ukrainians.
- (c) To serve as a unifying and co-ordinating body for all other existing bodies of organized Ukrainian Canadian Veterans and Ukrainian Veterans in Canada.
- (d) To represent the organized views, opinions and wishes of all Canadian Veterans of Ukrainian origin.
- (e) To grant bursaries and scholarships to promising descendants of Ukrainian Canadian Veterans for cultural and educational purposes.
- (f) In time of peace to maintain a Servicemen's Committee or Association and look after all the needs and interests of Ukrainian Canadians serving the Canadian Regular or Reserve Forces.

## 111. OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND PURPOSES

### 2. Social and Cultural

- (g) To maintain clubs and institutions for the social welfare and comforts of servicemen and veterans as, where and when needed.
- (h) To assist in the integration of new Canadians of Ukrainian ancestry into Canadian citizenship and the Canadian way of life

### 3. Historical and Scientific

- (a) To organize and maintain lists and dossiers of Canadians who are veterans of Ukrainian national background and origin as well as formations or units in which they may have served or to which they may have belonged.
- (b) To collect, collate and preserve service records and Honour Rolls with biographies of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and belonged to this ethnic group and thus perpetuate the memory of those who served that justice and Liberty in Democracy may be preserved.
- (c) To sponsor or carry out projects of historical or scientific nature relative to the Ukrainian ethnic group in Canada which can show the contribution of this group to Canada in any shape or form, and particularly in periods of crises.
- (d) To sponsor or organize and maintain libraries, museums and any other projects of a historic and scientific nature which may be considered useful and necessary for the good of Canada as a whole and the Ukrainian ethnic group in particular.
- (e) To organize and maintain or sponsor any subsidiary bodies, organizations, councils or committees which may be considered necessary for the further promotion of any aims contained in this constitution.

### Humanitarian

- (a) To care for or promote and encourage the care of graves of Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen or other Ukrainian Servicemen in any part of the world.
- (b) To sponsor and/or support periodic visits and pilgrimages to graves and cemeteries with wreaths, religious services, etc., wherever Ukrainian Servicemen are buried, on behalf of the Association or on behalf of friends or next of kin of the deceased.

### 111. OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND PURPOSES (continued)

#### 4. Humanitarian(continued)

- (c) To sponsor and/or support visits to hospitals or homes of pensioners and where possible and necessary to serve their needs and welfare.
- (d) Where possible to attend to the needs and welfare of families and/or next of kin of those deceased or otherwise needy.
- (e) To gather, publish and disseminate any information possible, needed or available relative to the needs, information and education of veterans and/or servicemen, and/or their rehabilitation.
- (f) To organize and sponsor appropriate Ladies' Auxiliaries and Youth groups considered necessary in furthering the aims of this constitution.

### IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. There is no limit to the number of members.
2. There will be four classes of membership: -
  - (a) - Founding
  - (b) - Regular
  - (c) - Associate, and
  - (d) - Honourary members
3. (a) Founding members are all Veterans in Canada of Ukrainian origin who are eligible for the Legion or any other veterans Organization and who pay a membership fee of \$25.00 per year. Only Founding Members can hold office in the Dominion Executive.
- (b) Regular members are the same as Founding members in qualifications but who pay only the nominal fee of \$1.00 per annum. Regular members may serve on the National Council, on Committees or local executives.
4. Other veterans - men and women approved by the Executive, such as those who have served in the reserve or police or other para-military formations, may become Associate members in order to benefit from any services and welfare sponsored by the Association and participate in any of the activities.
5. All members have the same privileges and can benefit from the same comforts, benefits and services as Founding and Regular members. Associate and Honourary members cannot, however, hold office or have any say in the policy of the Association.

**IV. MEMBERSHIP (continued)**

6. A candidate for Associate or Honourary membership must be recommended by at least two other regular members, and will apply through the usual channels.
7. Regular members and associate members pay the same fee and share equal responsibilities as determined by convention.
8. Candidates for membership will apply in writing and on regular form to the Executive. Every application must be sponsored by two regular members before it can be considered.
9. The Executive reserves the right to refuse membership without explanation to the parties immediately concerned.
10. Honourary members are appointed by the Executive, and need not be of the Armed Forces. The number is established from time to time by resolution at Conventions. They are "Guest" members who have given outstanding services or wish to give their contributions or services to UCVA and its members, and to serve the aims and purposes of this Association.
11. Any member can leave the Association and be removed from the membership list by submitting written request to the Executive office, provided all his dues are paid up to date.
12. A member can lose his membership by not paying his dues, not observing the rules and regulations of the Association or conducting himself in a manner deemed detrimental to the good and welfare of the Association. Membership can be cancelled or suspended by a Court of Honour and approved by the complete Executive.
13. Membership dues shall be established by annual Convention.
14. Members may belong to any political, social or religious organization, and such membership will be no bar to membership in the Association. The Association as such will have no religious or political character. No influence or controversy will be allowed or tolerated and any member who does not observe this will risk losing his membership.
15. Any complaints against members must be made in writing to the Executive.

IV. MEMBERSHIP (continued)

16. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Executive will submit it to the Court of Honour which will investigate the case and give a report with suitable recommendations. All decisions made in this respect will be by a quorum of the main Executive.
17. Any member who has lost his membership can submit an appeal to the next general convention. The appeal must be submitted in writing.
18. In order to have a vote at a general convention, a member must be fully paid up in all his or her dues and must hold a valid membership card for that year and must have been in good standing at least one month prior to the convention concerned.
19. Canadian citizens of Ukrainian origin who have served in the armed forces, is the interpretation for the word "Veterans" as used in this constitution.
20. Veterans of non-Ukrainian origin who are inter-married with persons of Ukrainian descent or who voluntarily choose and wish to be associated with those referred to in the constitution will be treated and considered in exactly the same way as those of Ukrainian origin provided they agree to promote and serve the aims and purposes of this constitution.

V. DOMINION OR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

1. It shall operate the entire organization from the Association Headquarters and shall consist of seven members.  
These shall be -- President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Treasurer  
Three Other Members

This Executive has the power to appoint a General Secretary and any other paid help as may be necessary. If no staff is appointed one of the three elected members will serve as General Secretary. He will be responsible for the entire operation of the Association in keeping with decisions and instructions from the Executive or established by convention.

2. Quorum - Four of the seven in the main Executive will constitute a quorum. Three of the five in the district committees will also constitute a quorum.
3. Formation of National Executive: -- The Executive is the governing body of the Association and is elected at a regular convention by the majority of the Founding and Regular members in good standing.



V. DOMINION OR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (continued)

4. The National Executive is the only true governing and representative body of the Organization. It acts in accordance with the adopted constitution and any other instructions drawn up by the general convention and deals with all current affairs relative to the Association. It submits reports on all its activities to the general convention or the National Council, as and when required.
5. The term of office for every member of the Executive is from one convention to another. To hold office longer he must be re-elected.
6. No salary will be paid to any member of the Executive, and no member shall receive any money for his services other than such compensation and expense allowance as may be authorized by the entire Executive. Similarly, no paid officer of the Association can hold office in the Executive.
7. The President is the ruling member of the Executive, provided he carries and maintains the majority of the Executive support.
8. The President has the power to make appointments to fill any vacancies that may be created in the Executive. These appointments must be confirmed by the remainder of the Executive members or a meeting of the National Council or a convention.
9. Subject to confirmation, the President, Secretary and Treasurer will have the power of settling all routine problems and matters relative to the Association. In the absence of these, the General Secretary will exercise the same powers.

VI. NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The National Council shall be the main advisory and representative body serving the Association between conventions and as an aid to the Dominion Executive.
2. It's role to the Dominion Executive will be advisory.
3. Individual members of the National Council will have such additional powers and duties as may be delegated to them by the Dominion Executive.
4. Members to the National Council will be elected at conventions or appointed by the Dominion Executive as much as possible on a representative and geographic or regional basis and will be subject to change according to the needs of the Organization.

## VI. NATIONAL COUNCIL (continued)

5. Recommended members to the National Council are Presidents of the Ukrainian branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, Presidents of all Ukrainian Veteran Organizations and outstanding representative and willing individual veterans from larger centres throughout Canada.
6. As a provisional guide a minimum number of members on the National Council would be about 20 to 30 with the following suggested distributions:

British Columbia	2-3
Alberta	3-5
Saskatchewan	3-5
Manitoba	5-7
Ontario	5-7
Quebec	2-3

## VII. THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS OR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. An Executive or National Council meeting may be called whenever necessary, by the President or any other three members of the Executive or 10 members of the Council.
2. At least two weeks notice must be given to the members and all members must be informed of such a meeting in writing.
3. An agenda for the meeting must also be included in the notice, although discussions may take place and decisions made on matters additional to those submitted in the agenda.
4. Any Executive or Council member who cannot attend a meeting properly called can submit his opinion on the matters brought up in the agenda in writing. Decisions or opinions so submitted will be considered as votes.
5. Any decisions made on matters other than those in the agenda must be submitted to all members of the Executive or Council for confirmation before they can be considered binding.
6. When circumstances prevent the calling of an Executive or Council meeting the substitute for such a meeting will be the confidential Executive or Council letter.
7. The confidential Executive or Council letter is originated by the President or any other authorized Officer.
8. Any decisions made as a result of the majority opinion expressed in response to a confidential Executive or Council letter are as binding as those made at a formal meeting.

### VIII. REGIONAL OR DISTRICT COMMITTEES

A Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and three members. These to be elected annually by not less than ten members of the local or area concerned. Their area of operation and the distribution of duties and responsibilities will be as designated by the Dominion Executive, and according to local need and circumstances.

### IX. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. A committee meeting can be called by the Chairman or any other two members, as and when deemed necessary. Minutes will be kept and reports given.
2. If possible two weeks' notice should be given to the members and all members should be informed of such a meeting in writing.
3. All discussions held and decisions made at such meetings must be submitted to the Executive for confirmation.

### X. THE FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The sources of funds for the Association will be as follows: -
  - (a) Membership fees
  - (b) Membership voluntary donations
  - (c) Donations and contributions from other benevolent Organizations or individuals
  - (d) Proceeds from various functions and activities in keeping with aims.
2. All funds will be handled by the Treasurer who may be empowered to act alone, for, and on behalf of the Executive.
3. All funds will be kept in and handled through a proper chartered bank or Credit Union and all books and records will be kept officially.
4. The Treasurer will issue a monthly financial statement for the benefit of the Executive and those whom it may concern.
5. Proper and official Association receipts will be issued for all funds received and bills and invoices must be held for all payments made.
6. Other members of the Executive or committee members may be entrusted to accept fees and donations and to issue receipts on behalf of the Treasurer but all such funds received will be handed over to the Treasurer at the first possible opportunity together with a detailed statement of the transactions handled. All records must be centralized and continuous.
7. Petty Cash accounts may be held as and when arranged by the Executive.

X. THE FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION (continued)

8. An auditing Committee of three independent members of the Association will be elected or appointed to audit the Treasurer's books when required.
9. A detailed record of all finances paid into the Association, whether in fees or donations, will be kept for each and every individual member on his membership card which he keeps and on his personal card or sheet at headquarters.
10. Funds gathered or accumulated by any Committees or subsidiary body are the property of the whole Association. All membership fees gathered by the Committee will be forwarded immediately and without delay to the Association headquarters.
11. Committees will submit a true financial statement monthly to main headquarters.
12. In as much as possible, a budget will be presented before each convention for the amount of money that may be required for that year or some definite purpose or period of time.
13. All financial expenditures must be authorized or approved by the President and one other Executive member.
14. All official receipts, cheques and documents to be considered legal must be stamped with the Association seal or stamp.

XI. U.C.V.A. CONVENTION

1. The supreme governing authority is the convention, which will be called at a time decided upon by the Executive, as the most convenient and appropriate.
2. The general convention is called by the Executive periodically. Founding and Regular members alone have notes on policy matters and election of Officers.
3. The majority of the votes submitted at a general convention will decide all matters. Each Founding and Regular member has one vote in person or by proxy.
4. Only proper delegates will vote on major questions of policy, the Executive decides which are the major issues or questions.
5. Every group or branch can send one delegate for every ten members or any part thereof. Delegates can carry any number of proxies.

XI. U.C.V.A. CONVENTION (continued)

6. Proxies are personally and individually assigned on proper forms and are non-transferable.
7. One month's notice must be given for any convention. This will be announced in the Association organ and as many papers and journals as possible.
8. Individual members may be present at any convention but cannot vote on major matters if their vote has not been assigned by proxy.
9. The election of an Executive for the succeeding term of office will always be considered a major matter.
10. A resolution for submission to a convention must be in the hands of the Executive no less than two weeks before the convention takes place.
11. Prior to the opening of the convention the following temporary committees will be elected: -
  - (a) - Resolutions Committee
  - (b) - Procedures or Steering Committee
  - (c) - Credentials or Verification Committee
  - (d) - And other Committees deemed necessary for that convention.

They will function for the duration of the convention only.

12. In addition to the Dominion Convention, any number of general conventions may be held throughout the year anywhere covering any area or region determined by the Executive or local conditions.

XII. STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE:

- (a) - Dominion or National Executive at the seat of Headquarters
  - (b) - National Council
  - (c) - Regional Councils throughout Canada
  - (d) - Branches
  - (e) - Individual members
1. The member of any local Executive or Committee must be a paid up member in the same branch.
  2. There is no limit to the number of Committees that there may be at any level.
  3. All Committees will follow all rules and forms of procedures as laid down by the Dominion Executive.

## XII. STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE:

4. Ten members or more are sufficient to constitute a branch.
5. All branches properly organized and constituted will be granted a charter from the Association Headquarters.
6. All branches will be completely self-governing inasmuch as their actions do not conflict with the policy or action of the Association.
7. Each branch will be limited to the exercise of its autonomy to within its own area or territory, and any and all activities which are not so limited shall be first approved by the next superior committee or Executive.
8. Ukrainian branches of the Royal Canadian Legion or branches of any other Veterans Organization may automatically be considered as UCVA branches, if such is the wish of the majority.

## XIII. COURT OF HONOUR

1. A Court of Honour will consist of three natural and bonafide members of the Association elected at a convention or appointed if necessary one each by the parties in dispute and one by the Dominion Executive.
2. Their job and purpose will be to look into, report on, and if possible settle any misunderstandings that may come up from time to time within the Association.
3. Any person or persons concerned in the misunderstanding may, on justifiable grounds, object to any member or members on the Court of Honour. If the objection is accepted, these will be replaced to the approval of all concerned.

## XIV. LANGUAGE

1. The official languages of the Association shall be English and Ukrainian.
2. Should a discrepancy arise in any matter of substance the English version or language will be binding.

## XV. DISBANDMENT AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association can be disbanded or liquidated only by a special general convention of members or delegates duly and properly called.
2. When a resolution for liquidation is properly passed and approved, a disbandment Commission will be elected which will attend to the disposition of all properties and effects in accordance with the wishes of the convention.

XV. DISBANDMENT AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION (continued)

3. The Association will be considered automatically liquidated when the total number of regular members drops below fifty. Should this happen the remaining members of the Dominion Executive, together with any other members that they may appoint, will form the Disbandment Commission.

XVI. PUBLICATIONS

1. The official organ of the Association shall be the NEWSLETTER of the Ukrainian Canadian Veterans' Association.
2. It will be published periodically as required and possible by the Executive and the editorial Committee or responsible and authorized officer or officers.
3. The annual fees and dues paid by each member shall include the yearly subscription of the member to the NEWSLETTER.
4. All views expressed in the NEWSLETTER are considered as the views of the Association unless accompanied by an appropriate note from the Editor to the contrary.
5. The Association may publish any other publications on a periodic or non-periodic basis and on any terms and conditions and for any purposes deemed necessary and possible and decided upon by any convention or proper meeting of the Dominion Executive or responsible body.

XVII. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. U.C.V.A. shall be democratic, christian, non-sectarian and non-political.
2. No officer or member shall make public any statement, oral or written, as to the policy of the Association, in connection with any question or matter, unless or until such policy has been declared, -
  - By a meeting of the Committee affected if the question or matter is local in nature;
  - By a General Convention or a meeting of the Dominion Executive if the question or matter concerns the entire Association.
3. Each and every branch or Committee shall have the right and power to establish, organize, acquire and hold any property in the nature of club rooms, canteens, hospitals, rest rooms, offices, libraries, or properties, equipment and materials of all kinds as may be necessary for the administration of its affairs and the promotion and carrying out of all the aims and objects of the Association. All such properties are to be considered as the common property of the Association.

XVII. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION (continued)

4. The Association shall always stand for loyalty to Canada and the British Commonwealth, the maintenance and development of a united, national and ordered Government in Canada, for christian principles of life and for freedom of speech, press, meeting, worship, belief and cultural expression and enjoyment.
5. No avowed anarchist, communist, fascist or other person who advocates the destruction of good democratic organized government in Canada by force, shall be permitted to become or to remain a member.
6. Any member leaving, suspended, expelled or dismissed from the Association shall have no claim on the Association or any of its officers or members.
7. Any member of the Association who resides or shall move to reside in any country other than Canada may remain a member in good standing if he adheres to all the aims, objects, rules, laws and by-laws of the Association insofar as the same are consistent with the allegiance which he owes to the country in which he resides, and to which allegiance they are enjoined to adhere.
8. In all matters of conduct and procedure of Executive members, Committee's convention, meetings, etc., for which by-laws are not herein stated, the proceedings shall be in accordance with Roberts' Rules on Parliamentary Procedure.
9. The constitution of the Association and all laws and by-laws may be amended, repealed or added to by a majority vote at any general convention duly and properly called.
10. Each branch may adopt additional by-laws as necessary provided they do not conflict with or contradict this constitution.
11. All proposed amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the Executive in sufficient time for duplicating and distribution to all members concerned before the convention at which they are to be considered takes place.



## ВІДОЗВА

Дорогі наші земляки!...

В 1907-му році Канада святкуватиме сто-літній ювілей своєї державності. Українці були свідками і учасниками понад 75 років цієї державної історії — років найбільшого і найславішого розвитку і розросту цієї країни, бо перші наші іммігранти почали приїждати до Канади від 1891 року.

У першій світовій війні (1914-1918) тисячі українців Канади добровільно зголошувалися до активної військової служби у Збройних Силах Канади, хоч уряд, не знаючи нас, трактував більшість українців як небажаний, а то й ворожий елемент. В цій війні Пилип Коновал, який недавно помер в Оттаві, здобув найвище відзначення Британської Імперії — Хрест Вікторії (Victoria Cross) за героїство в боях проти німців на Західному Фронті.

Від часу першого українця-поселенця в Канаді українці добровільно зі зброєю і в кожній можливий спосіб брали участь в обороні Канади, її державності, незалежності і всім нам улюбленої волі.

В другій світовій війні (1939-1945) в Канадійських Збройних Силах служило 40 до 50 тисяч канадійців українського роду (слово Бригадіра Трудю), а около 10,000 їх були охоплені списками СОЮЗУ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ КАНАДІЙСЬКИХ ВОЯКІВ (СУКВ-UCSA).

В Канаді є також десятки тисяч колишніх воїнів (ветеранів) інших військових формацій (Армії УНР, Галицької Армії, УСС-си, Карпатські Січовики, УПА, і Українська Дивізія УНА, польської армії та інших союзних армій, які в той чи інший час, там, де знаходилися і так, як могли, зі зброєю в руках служили в основному тим самим ідеалам волі, свободи, справедливості і демократії, якими вони живуть тепер у Канаді, будучи громадянами цієї всім нам любої прибраної Батьківщини.

Число всіх українців колишніх воїнів (ветеранів) у Канаді точно устійнити тяжко без докладних дослідів, але на підставі провізоричних розшуків СОЮЗУ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ КАНАДІЙСЬКИХ ВЕТЕРАНІВ (СУКВ-UCVA) — це число доходить до 75, може й 100 тисяч.

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# THE VALUE OF A SMILE

It costs nothing but creates much.

It enriches those who receive,  
without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash and the memory  
of it sometimes lasts forever.

None are so rich that they can get  
along without it and none are so  
poor but are richer from its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home,  
fosters good will in a business and  
is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to  
the discouraged, sunshine to the sad  
and nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed  
or stolen for it is something that is no  
earthly good to anybody till it is given  
away.

And if it ever happens that some of us  
should be too tired to give you a smile,  
may we ask you to leave one of yours?

For nobody needs a smile so much as those  
who have none to give.

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