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Subject: FW: The strength of esprit-des-corps. For all our Veterans!

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Subject: The strength of esprit-des-corps. For all our Veterans!

Thank you for your support for the Governor General's Volunteer Service Medal (GGVSM). This marks 3 1/2 years of efforts to try and bring this to the attention of our Government. This is about our all our Veterans and your personal efforts to support this is greatly appreciated.

By all means please forward this email to any and all, please forward at will!

A few million more voices in support of the comraderie of fellowship and the unity of comradeship...why not!

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Recognition and Honour for our Veterans and Troops

How does one start to bring to the attention of others a much needed long overdue honour and recognition for thousands of Veterans and Troops? Remembrance is for all not just some! I hope a letter of understanding may be the answer in support of a proposed Governor General's Volunteer Service Medal (GGVSM). It is important to know that the GGVSM Petition to ask for the creation of a new medal has been read in the House of Commons on 12 different occasions but this isn't enough. We need the petition to be read in the House of Commons again and again and for this we need your help.

To all Canadians, my neighbours, comrades, colleagues, associates and friends, I have struggled with this as it is adamantly important to the success of a lasting legacy for our Veterans...all of them.

As individual Canadians it is within this letter that I ask for your trust, faith and understanding. It is my hope that you will fully comprehend that it is only by sharing the awareness and encouragement of a kind and meaningful gesture of remembrance, "your signature", that we can accomplish this act of remembrance! This is a vitally important individual commitment of participation for honour, recognition and support. A goal to finally bring about this honour for the thousands of Veterans who voluntarily served our

nation yet have not received a single Canadian medal to acknowledge their service.

Since March 1st, 1947, when the issuance of a Volunteer Service Medal for our Troops ceased, it was replaced with...nothing. Thousands of Canadians made the conviction to volunteer to serve and did so with dignity and honour, yet we as a nation have given them nothing to recognize this selfless act. For all, it is a duty that at anytime those that volunteer to serve do so knowing they may and often are called to duty serving anywhere in the world including theatres of war. Some did so and in this act of courage they paid the ultimate sacrifice...death.

For many young Canadians who served and were honourably discharged they received nothing by way of a Canadian Medal to acknowledge their volunteer service. This lapse is critical to understanding the need for recognition. A commitment to serve is part of Canada's Heritage and a Legacy for the Troops and their families. These young men and women who voluntarily served under the Commanders-in-Chief, the Governor Generals of Canada from 1947 to present were willing to put themselves in harms way. They have yet to be formally remembered for their role in the defence of our freedom and democracy. I know this begs the question why!

For many of us, these medal-less Veterans are our comrades, brothers-in-arms and we share a kindred spirit with them. For others, they are our friends, neighbours, colleagues and ancestors. It should be a matter of esprit-des-corps for them as well as all our Veterans and Troops to have at least one medal honouring them. The proposed solution, the GGVSMM would be issued to the thousands of Veterans that have honourably served since March 1947. For all Canadians, this is where each of you as an individual with all the entitlements and rights to Freedom of Speech are asked to help out with this cause and we humbly request from each of you your assistance with in doing three things:

1. That all of you ask your Members of Parliament to have copies of the GGVSMM Petition in their Constituency Office in your Riding so that you and all Canadians know where a copy is and have the opportunity to go in and sign it,
2. That as many as possible go to the on-line GGVSMM Petition website and sign the Petition for a Volunteer Service Medal for our Veterans, or get assistance from someone that has a computer to sign the on-line petition, and
3. We need all of you to write individual "(regular post)" letters to (i) our Prime Minister and (ii) your Members of Parliament requesting their support of the GGVSMM for the honour,

**recognition and remembrance of these our Comrades, Friends,
Neighbours, Ancestors...our Veterans.**

What's fascinating is what one learns about honour and where it lies when it comes to an approved Canadian Petition such as the GGVSMM Petition. Any Canadian can sign it, there is no age restriction. To all, I hope this letter lends a hand towards a deeper understanding of what one signature at a time, one completed Petition at a time and a couple of letters from each of you can do for to bring about the proposed GGVSMM for all of our Veterans.

**With deepest appreciation for your support and understanding,
Remembrance of our Veterans is for all not just some,
Sincerely yours,
Dave W. Palmer, CD**

Note:

1. Google: Petition for a Volunteer Service Medal for our Veterans or
2. For a Hard Copy of the Petition, email dave.w.palmer@rogers.com it will be sent as an attachment, or
3. Regular Post mail to: GGVSMM Petition, PO Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, Ontario, Canada, K2H 7V1

(Note: for all Letters, it is essential that wording is kind and done in a respectful request. Please do not demand and do not insist or otherwise as rude, demanding and impolite letters are not acceptable and your letter would not be accepted). This is just the way it works, I know from experience.

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