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Government of Canada Supports Amicitia France-Canada Monument in Ottawa

Beechwood Cemetery receives funding through Veterans Affairs Canada's Commemorative Partnership Program

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Canadians in uniform have served our country with bravery, honour and dignity—some making the ultimate sacrifice. We continue to preserve their legacy and recognize their contributions and sacrifices as a way to pass the torch of remembrance to future generations.

The Honourable Mona Fortier, Minister of Middle Class Prosperity, Associate Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Ottawa—Vanier, with Marie-France Lalonde, President of the Canada-France Interparliamentary Association and Member of Parliament for Orléans, announced Government of Canada funding of \$25,000 toward the construction of the Amicitia France-Canada Monument.

This initiative commemorates the shared history between Canada and France. It will stand as a lasting testament to those in uniform who have served and continue to serve around the world in times of war, conflict and peace. The Honourable Mona Fortier and Marie-France Lalonde made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence.

The monument will be set along a pathway near a portion of the Canadian Shield overlooking the National Military Cemetery in Beechwood Cemetery. Grey granite for the monument will be sourced from local quarries.

Quick Facts

- Beechwood Cemetery is receiving up to \$25,000 in Community War Memorial funding through Veterans Affairs Canada's Commemorative Partnership Program for the Monument Amicitia France-Canada.
- Canada and France work jointly in military, police and peacekeeping operations in remote and conflicted regions around the world.
- Veterans Affairs Canada honours those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace, and to keep the memory of their achievements and sacrifices alive for all Canadians.
- The Commemorative Partnership Program is a modest funding program that helps communities across the country honour the contributions and sacrifice of those who have served in Canada's military over the years.

Quotes

"The Amicitia France-Canada Monument, located in the historic Beechwood Cemetery, will commemorate the long-lasting historical ties and shared principles between Canada and France, and it will symbolize honour, remembrance, and hope as we continue to achieve our common goals as key allies."

The Honourable Mona Fortier, Minister of Middle Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier.



"Canada holds a unique relationship with France and a shared history spanning centuries. The Monument Amicitia France-Canada will help us remember the deep bonds of friendship that unite Canada and France "

Marie-France Lalonde, Member of Parliament for Orléans and President of the Canada-France Interparliamentary Association

"The generous contribution of Veterans Affairs Canada for the construction of the Amicitia France-Canada monument in Ottawa will highlight more than four centuries of history and 90 years of diplomatic relations between France and Canada.

This monument will bear witness to the deep friendship that binds our two great nations, and will allow us to commemorate the sacrifices made, to celebrate the many bilateral cooperative ventures undertaken, and to pass on to the younger generation the common values shared by our two countries.

We would like to thank the Government of Canada for its significant contribution, which indelibly marks its support for this beautiful citizen initiative to erect the first national monument dedicated to the Franco-Canadian friendship".

Christophe Raisonniér & André Levesque, Initiators of the Amicitia France-Canada monument

"Having the support of the government of Canada and Veterans Affairs, allows the Amicitia France-Canada monument to be an international symbol of unity, pride and shared legacy. This monument positioned in the centre of the Field of Honour and the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces helps bridge the divide between the world wars and modern conflicts where we stand shoulder to shoulder fighting for liberty, equality and justice. We thank the Government of Canada for their contributions".

Nicolas McCarthy, Director of Marketing, Communications and Community Outreach

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