



Tunis Legion of Honour- Ottawa, June 2020



On Saturday June 6th at 14:00 hrs. the Tunis Legion of Honour continued its long-standing tradition of Laying a Wreath at the Canadian National War Memorial's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This year's event marked the 76th Anniversary of Operation "Overlord" the landings on the beaches of Normandy by the Allies. The day would end with over 10,000 casualties of American, British and Canadian soldiers; many whom would pay the supreme sacrifice. It set the stage for the liberation of Europe from the Nazis. This year also marked the 20th anniversary of bringing home the remains of an Unknown Canadian Soldier who had been left behind in France to the National War Memorial site here in Ottawa.

Participation this year was limited due to the various government's Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions, including no gathering of more than five (5) people and keeping to our social distancing of six (6) feet.

The Legion of Honour did receive permission from Tunis Potentate, Illustrious Sir Chris Wanna, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada to perform the ceremony of laying a wreath. The five members participating included our Potentate, Ill. Sir Chris Wanna, Commander of the Legion of Honour, Noble Fred Haggart, Lt. Commander Ill. Sir Perry McConnell, our Adjutant, Noble Daniel Charron and a special thank you to our piper Noble Jordan McConnell.

The weather was cool and the skies remained sunny for the ceremony. It was a short and very respectful ceremony which did attract some passerby.

The attached photo was taken at the ceremony. The wreath on the left was laid earlier in the day by the Government of Canada as part of the D-Day ceremonies.



From left to right: Noble Jordan McConnell (piper) III. Sir Perry McConnell, (Lt. Commander) III. Sir Chris Wanna (Potentate) Noble Fred Haggart (Commander) Noble Daniel Charron (Adjutant)

This day also marked Shriners Awareness Day.

Next year's ceremony is scheduled for 5 June 2021@ 11:00 hrs. and arrangements are already in the making. Mark your calendars and hope to see you all in Ottawa.

On behalf of the commander, thank you

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Adjutant