

WHO WE ARE

PEACEKEEPER PARK, A Living Memorial is a registered charity with four primary objectives:

- Honouring and serving our Canadian Peacekeepers who served, past and present
- Providing subsidized summer Special Adventure Training Camps for Challenged Youth
- Providing safe and yet challenging Adventure Training facilities for youth groups.
- Assisting our veterans and serving members with their recovery from mental wounds.

Initially envisioned as a facility to educate the public on the sacrifices and achievements of our Peacekeepers, the concept was enlarged to one of working with youth, as so many of our Peacekeepers have volunteered to do while deployed. This is why "A Living Memorial" was added to our name.

Today, any youth group is welcome to use the Park for a minimal fee. We also actively support our Canadian Forces and their families in various ways including programs for Veterans.



PEACEKEEPER TRIBUTE DAY

The Canadian government declared that the 9th of August will be observed annually as Peacekeeper Tribute Day.



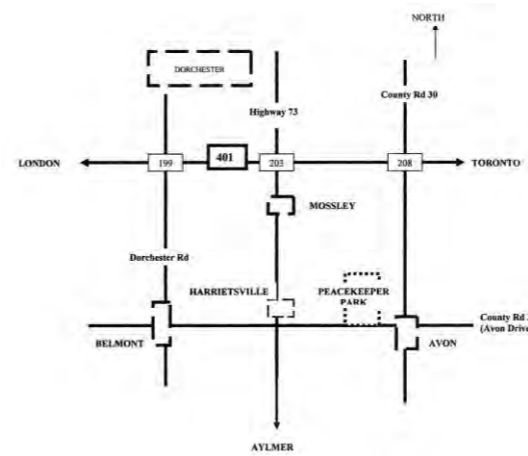
This particular day was chosen because on August 9th, 1974, the greatest single day loss of Canadian Peacekeepers occurred. A Canadian Forces "Buffalo" transport aircraft (pictured above) was shot down by air to ground missiles while preparing to land at Damascus, Syria. Nine Canadians were onboard - there were no survivors.

The public are invited to attend the annual celebrations and remembrance service at Peacekeeper Park and at other locations across Canada on or about the 9th of August each year.



WHERE WE ARE

Peacekeeper Park is located on lands owned by the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, known as Lake Whittaker, located north of Aylmer, east of London, in Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada. We have access to a beautiful 40 acre lake and 500 acres of bush, 30 acres of which is set aside for development of the Path of Honour and other memorials, for accommodations and for training facilities.



PEACEKEEPER PARK

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DONATIONS/SPONSORS

Donations of funds, equipment and/or time are always appreciated. Sponsors are also needed. Donations over \$25 will result in charitable receipts being issued. To become a "Friend of Peacekeeper Park" please go to our website for more information.

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ADVENTURE TRAINING

Peacekeeper Park offers youth groups the opportunity to participate in challenging, yet safe, accessible outdoor adventure training in order that they can grow both physically and intellectually to better contribute to their country, community and family.



Highly qualified instructors ensure that each activity is carried out to the high safety standards enforced at the Park. Equipment is checked on a routine basis and before each use.



Groups usually provide their own instructors who must meet or exceed our safety standards.

SPECIAL ADVENTURE CAMPS

Peacekeeper Park Adventure Camp is a residential summer camp that provides two one week camps and one two week camp, all for youth with physical, mental or behavioural challenges between the cognitive ages of 12 – 19.

Campers participate in canoeing, hiking, fishing, sports, swimming, abseiling, crafts, outdoors-men-ship and leadership. All of the staff at these camps are volunteers who put in many long hours of dedicated service. The success oriented, activity based camps are run during the month of July each year and a limited number of applications are accepted.

The Special Adventure Camps qualify for the Residential portion of the Duke of Edinburgh program. If you know of a young person who would benefit from these programs, or would like to volunteer to assist, the application forms are on our web site.



IODE SUPPORT

The IODE are major contributors to our Park and to the Special Adventure Program helping us to help others.



BROKEN WING

Broken Wing is a multi-phased program developed by soldiers for soldiers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which the military now call Operational Stress Injury (OSI)



These terms carry a certain connotation behind them – strange and decadent self-absorption, drugs and alcohol, shame, or to some – just the realization that this is the person that you used to love, used to know so intimately and who is not quite the person you remember from such a short time ago. Broken Wing is a live-in program conducted at Peacekeeper Park and there is no cost to any veteran who wishes to apply.

Broken Wing will be the veteran's new Platoon – a military style setting where he/she will be assigned to a Section of fellow veterans at the beginning of the program. The initial phase will encompass lectures, debates and information sessions, all of which will have flexible and open timings dependent upon how well the flow of discourse and feedback progresses. There will be an emphasis on the benefits of healthy living and healthy eating and there will be physical fitness training each day that, along with sporting activities, will be a secondary reinforcer as a way to achieve success.

The next phase of the program will deal with social isolation, widely regarded as one of the most deadly residual effects of PTSD and the biggest obstacle to assimilation and success. Broken Wing will fill in what we believe to be some of the missing gaps in current programs offered in Canada.

WE DON'T LEAVE OUR WOUNDED ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE – WE WILL CERTAINLY NOT ABANDON THEM WHEN THEY RETURN HOME.

PATH OF HONOUR

Everything we do at Peacekeeper Park is intended to bring honour to those who have served our country, and the world, as Canadian Peacekeepers.

This doesn't mean that we at the Park don't have a tremendous appreciation and respect for those who served in WWI, WWII, Korea and the Cold War. In fact, many of those Canadian veterans went on to serve as Peacekeepers.

Our Path of Honour has a simple white cross for each of the Canadians who have died in the Service of Peace. All of the crosses are made by volunteers. 19 of our Missions have cost Canadian lives and, although there are only six now, there will be nineteen storyboards on the Path, each one giving some basic information about our most costly missions. The Path of Honour is nearly a half kilometre long and will eventually be surrounded by a natural woodland setting.



We are currently in the process of replacing our original wooden crosses with more permanent cement ones thanks to the efforts of a group from Lambtonian Apartments in Petrolia. Our sincerest thanks to these volunteers, "Lest We Forget".