



# MERCHANT NAVY COMMEMORATIVE THEME PROJECT (MNCTP)



## NEWS RELEASE

### A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON CANADA'S POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS' NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

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#### OTTAWA, TODAY –

Mr. Stéphane Ouellette, President and CEO, MNCTP, joined law enforcement officers and their families on Parliament Hill in commemorating the vital role, contributions, and the ultimate sacrifice that they have made in serving and protecting our communities on *Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day*.

On September 24, 1998, the Government of Canada proclaimed the last Sunday of September 'forevermore' as *Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day*. This day was established to remember the women and men that have died in the line of duty protecting our homes, family, and friends.

It is a time to honour them by pausing and reflecting on their level of courage, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to defending our freedoms, social values, and a collection of cherished traditions that affect and benefit all Canadians coast-to-coast-to-coast.



(From top left) Sgt. Brad Hampson singing the National Anthem (2005) and Constable Shyldon Safruk laying a wreath (2014) at the Merchant Navy Day ceremonies held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa (From bottom left) The (Late) Honourable Mauril Bélanger and Inspector Mike Lavolette attending the 2015 Wreaths Across Canada ceremony, held at the Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa.



**RCMP/Veterans attending Merchant Navy Day ceremony at the RCN Monument, Ottawa (2021)**

### **Quote**

*“This day is a time to honour our men and women in law enforcement by pausing and reflecting on their level of courage, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to defending our freedoms, social values, and a collection of cherished traditions that affect and benefit all Canadians coast-to-coast-to-coast. We must always remain steadfast in promoting, defending, and enforcing the principles and virtues for which they fought and died to uphold.”*

*– Stéphane Ouellette, President and CEO, MNCTP*

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