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## SENATOR'S MESSAGE

**Happy Lunar New Year! Joyeux Nouvel An lunaire!**  
**새해 복 많이 받으세요!**

2021 has ushered in hope for better health and a pathway toward recovery, stability and renewal. 2021 is an important milestone year as we continue 70th anniversary of the Korean War commemorations, and celebrate the 55th anniversary of Canada Bulgaria diplomatic relations among other important milestones. The spring sitting of Parliament has begun for the House and as the Senate resumes next week, my colleagues and I, with the strong leadership of The Hon. Erin O'Toole, will ensure that the Government is held to account. The Government must do its best to support businesses and families and protect the most vulnerable veterans and seniors from harm. We recognize and thank all the front line workers who put their lives on the line each and every day to protect and care for our loved ones in hospitals and care facilities. May God protect them from harm as well. While we may not be able to gather in person to celebrate the upcoming lunar new year, virtual celebrations will hopefully bring families and communities together in a different way. My staff and I remain available to you at all times and we wish you and yours a blessed, healthy Year of the Ox.



"Serving in Korea influenced his way of life, view of working, and it helped his mind become careful and rigid. He states that each certification and photo bring back meaningful memories, and his experiences in the army are unforgettable."

-Amy from Intergenerational Integrities

KOREAN WAR, FORGOTTEN NO MORE 2020

## KOREAN WAR LEGACY PROJECT

The Korean War Legacy Project is one of the key projects for the 70th anniversary **#koreanwarforgottenomore** campaign. In January, the Task Force (chaired by Senator Martin) met with the lead educator (President of Social Studies Educators Network of Canada, SSEC) of the Writing Team that will create an impactful educational resource about the Korean War, to be promoted and made available to teachers across Canada. SSEC is a national network of educators from every province and territory. Canada's legacy project will be the third of its kind, following the publication of the American and UK resources. It is fitting for Canada to be the third project to be undertaken, paralleling the order of contributing nations to the UN Special Forces during the Korean War. Additionally, the student initiators of *Intergenerational Integrities*, who interviewed veterans and created essays, stories and poems that were then published in a special anthology, have been actively sharing quotes from their interviews on social media. If you have an Instagram account, you can follow them at [@inter\\_gen\\_integrities](https://www.instagram.com/inter_gen_integrities)

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## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Senator Yonah Martin and MP Nelly Shin - in partnership with Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Vancouver and the BC community - co-hosted a New Year Zoom event for the broader community in celebration of the new year and hope for a better 2021. Over the course of January, Senator Martin also attended virtual new year events hosted by community organizations (NUAC Vancouver, CBMC and KCCA); and participated in webinars and various stakeholder meetings. As Co-Chairs of Canada Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Group, Senator Martin and MP Chen met with the Ambassador of Bulgaria, the Consul General in Toronto, and the Honorary Consul in BC (along with the President of the BC community) to discuss key priorities and plans to mark the milestone 55th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Bulgaria. 2021 is on course to be a highly productive and significant milestone year!

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