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SENATOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New year! Bonne année! 새해 복 많이 받으세요!

As we say goodbye to 2022, we reflect on the past year and look ahead with renewed hope and vision for what 2023 will bring. December was a busy and productive month both in Ottawa and in BC. The Senate and House of Commons concluded the fall Parliamentary sitting with vigorous debate over important legislation and issues that affect all Canadians. For the first time since the pandemic, December was filled with in person events and celebrations. In BC, communities and organizations gathered to recognize important causes and celebrate the holiday season. On this first day of 2023, we begin a momentous year for Canada and Korea that will commemorate the historic 70th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in July. We will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea, a milestone that marks the deep rooted history, friendship and respect between the two nations. On behalf of the Senate of Canada, my staff and family, we wish you a Happy New Year and best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 2023!



~ Senator Martin

Year-End Events



Senator Martin began December with the Korea National Day Celebration in Ottawa, hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea for dignitaries, Parliamentarians, veterans of the Korean War and community leaders of Ottawa. From meeting with Colleges and Institutes Canada, International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, ALPA Canada, Unveiling of the Dominion Sculptor's Platinum Jubilee Carving, Senate of Canada Speaker's holiday party, to meeting with the Canadian War Museum and Veterans Affairs Canada, it was a busy December in Ottawa. In BC, Senator Martin hosted a media end of year

luncheon, attended the KWVA Annual General Meeting and concluded December by attending the BC Youth Parliament in Victoria. 2022 was a full and productive year for Senator Martin, serving constituents, supporting organizations and individuals in various regions of Canada. Senator Martin sincerely appreciates the leadership and dedication of all the groups and organizations that continue to strengthen communities and provide valuable programs, resources and support to those in need.

70th Anniversary of the Korea War Years (June 25, 2020 to July 27, 2023)

December was a memorable month, which also included the unexpected passing of Don Sudden, the last President of Korea Veterans Association of Canada Heritage Unit (see below to watch Sen. Martin's tribute). On December 9th Senator Martin visited the Perley Rideau Veterans care facility in Ottawa along with His Excellency Woongsoon Lim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Colonel Dongwon Lee Defence Attache and President of KVA National Capital Unit 7, Bill Black. It was a festive celebration with Korean War Veterans who reside at the Perley, many in their late 90s and three in their 100s! On December 10th, Senator Martin attended the annual KVA Unit 7 Christmas Dinner at Legion 593, an evening filled with good company, stories, delicious food and singing of Christmas carols. In 2023, the 70th anniversary of the Korean War years will conclude with the 70th anniversary of Hill 187 (May 2-3, 1953) and the historic 70th anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice (July 27, 1953). Together, in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and the Korean War Commemorative Committees across Canada, Senator Martin and her Office will commemorate the important milestones and to carry the torch high to ensure that the legacy of all veterans of the Korean War, our beloved heroes, is never forgotten. #KoreanWarVeteransForgottenNoMore



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SENATOR PATTERSON

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