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Mr. Steven Clark, National Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Clark,

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Canada Remembers Program strive to keep alive the legacy of bravery and sacrifice made by those who served and who still serve Canada in times of war, armed conflict and peace and to promote an understanding of the significance of these efforts in Canadian life as we know it today. Commemorative events, both domestic and international, are an important part of achieving this remembrance and recognition mandate.

To mark the upcoming 60th anniversary of UN Peacekeeping in Cyprus and the 50th anniversary of the 1974 war (Canadian participation), the Government of Canada is planning a program of events, in parallel and partnership with the Cyprus 2024 Veterans Revisit Program, to take place in Cyprus in November 2024. An official Government of Canada delegation will travel to Cyprus from approximately 6-12 November 2024 to attend commemorative ceremonies and visits at a number of important sites in the region.

We would be pleased if you would **nominate one Veteran delegate with service in Cyprus to represent your organization** on the Government of Canada delegation traveling to Cyprus this November. Selection of the nominee will be at your organization's discretion; however, VAC is encouraging organizations to consider equity serving groups in their considerations and selection.

The nominee will be required to have a passport that is valid until at least 13 May 2025 (at least 6 months beyond expected exit from Cyprus) and is also encouraged to hold personal travel medical insurance. All living and travel expenses in Canada and overseas associated with this commemorative program will be covered by VAC.

Travel will be lengthy and the schedule of events will be full, therefore all members of the delegation are required to be in good health. Nominees will be asked to have their physician complete a medical information form and certify that they can withstand the rigours of travel and event participation.

In order for VAC to ensure that each delegate receives the best possible support during the program, each delegate over the age of 80 is required to designate a caregiver to accompany them. Delegates and their caregivers will share a hotel room and all travel and living expenses of each approved caregiver will also be covered by VAC. It is important to remember that a caregiver must always remain with their delegate. Additional details regarding the role of the caregiver will be provided, as required. If your representative is under the age of 80 but requires a support person, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We would be grateful to receive your reply by or before 20 September 2024. Please send your reply to Brianne Peters at brianne.peters@veterans.gc.ca or 782-377-4453. Upon receiving your nomination, the representative will be contacted directly and provided with the necessary administrative and travel details. A nomination form is attached for your completion.

If you are unable to find a nominee or should you require additional information, please contact Brianne Peters.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Paul Thomson
Director General, Commemoration Division

Enclosure: Nomination Form