



CANADA REMEMBERS

The Canadian Armed Forces in Cyprus



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The peacekeeping operations in Cyprus, has been one of the longest and most famous overseas military activities of Canada since 1974. From 1964 to 1993, a lot of Canadian soldiers served on the island as peacekeepers. Now a small part of the Canadian soldiers stay in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus.

More than 25,000 Canadian Armed Forces members have served in Cyprus over the decades. Many of them served in Cyprus more than once, participating in several rotations.

The peacekeeping operation is very well-known because of the length of the mission and the large number of Canadians who have served in Cyprus over the years.



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About 130 Canadian soldiers have died in the course of Canada's peace efforts.

28 Canadian peacekeepers gave their lives in Cyprus for helping people in that nation, paid the ultimate price in Canada's effort. The loss of lives of Canadian soldiers shows the deepest commitments in Cyprus Veterans experienced injuries and harsh condition, and the international peacekeeping mission can impact the rest of their life.

Background

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) was established in 1964 to prevent a recurrence of fighting between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities. Since the events of 1974, the mission responsibilities were expanded.

UNFICYP remains on the island to monitor the cease -fire and the buffer zone, beginning this humanitarian activities and to support the missions of "Good Offices" of the Secretary General of the UN.

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