



2020 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

This year's Remembrance Ceremony in Toronto, organized by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Toronto Branch and the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada, commemorated the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms, and those that serve today. This year the Ceremony marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. The ceremony was led by Major (Ret'd) Mark Holowatyj, executive member of the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada.



Figure 1 – Grave of Ukrainian Canadian soldier at Commonwealth Cemetery section at the Crooswijk General Cemetery in Rotterdam, Netherlands. One of approximately 50 Ukrainian Canadian soldiers buried there, who died fighting for the liberation of the Netherlands.

More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the Second World War with more than 45,000 paying the ultimate price. It is estimated that more than 40,000 Ukrainian Canadians served in Canada's armed forces in World War II. One in ten Ukrainian Canadians fought for Canada. Many were also members of the Ukrainian National Federation. On the 6 November 2020, the long-awaited Ukrainian Research and Documentation Centre documentary film profiling Ukrainian Canadians in World



War II, and proudly supported by the UWVA, entitled “A Canadian War Story”, was digitally screened across Canada. (<https://canadianwarstory.com/>)



Figure 2 - Members of the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada pose at the Ukrainian Canadian cenotaph at the Ukrainian Canadian Memorial Park in Toronto, ON on 7 November 2020. Photo courtesy of UCC Toronto Irena Danchuk.

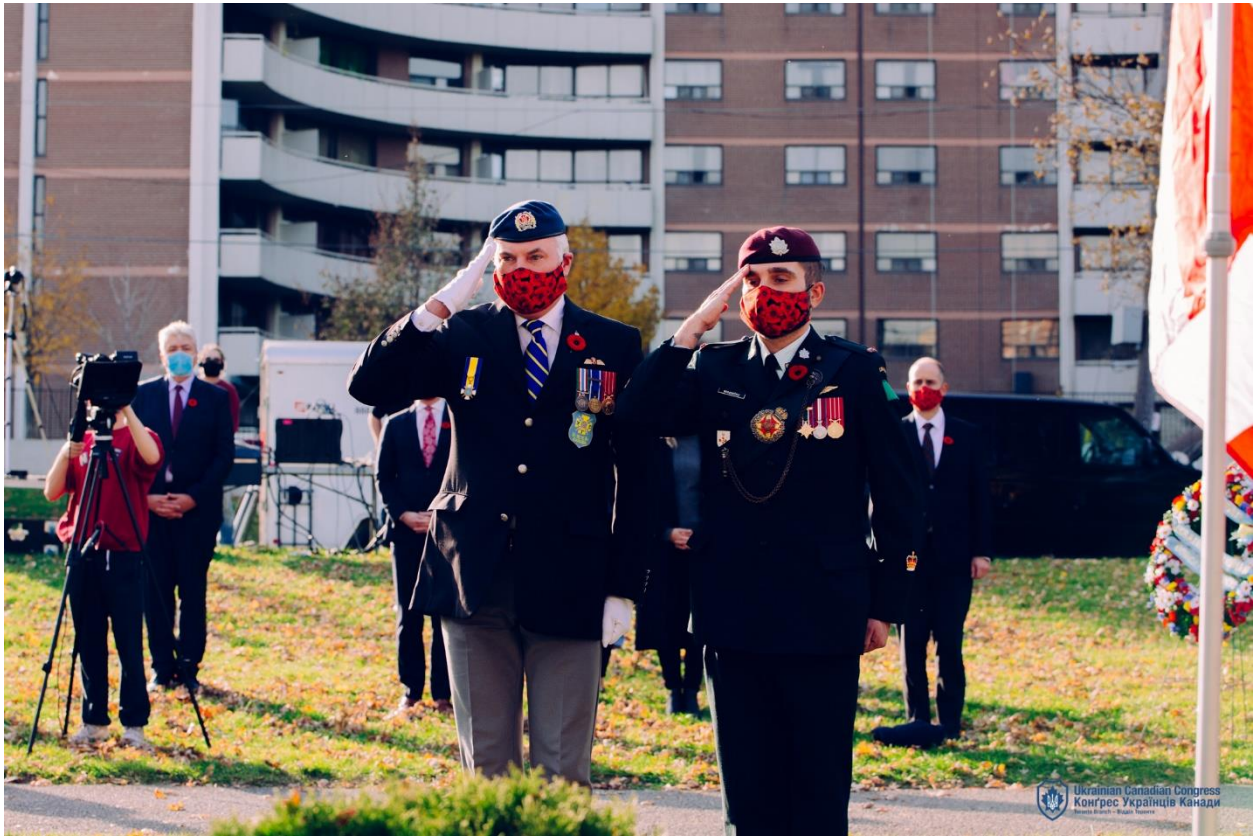


Figure 3 - UWVA President, Andre Sochaniwsky CD, and wreath escort and UWVA member Warrant Officer Adam Wynnycki CD, salute Oto Canada's war dead, on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces on 7 Nov 2020 at the Ukrainian Canadian Memorial Park. Photo courtesy of UCC Toronto Irena Danchuk.