

# Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### VICTORIA CROSS WINNER TO BE HONOURED

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Canada's only Ukrainian-Canadian Victoria Cross winner, **FILIP KONOWAL**, will be honoured in a special ceremony in **OTTAWA**, on **MONDAY, 15 July**.

Beginning at 1:00 pm in the **NOTRE DAME CEMETERY**, where **VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA** recently installed a new, upright grave marker commemorating Konowal's wartime valour, the commemorative project will involve both Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Volodymyr **FURKALO** and Canada's Minister of National Defence, the Honourable **DAVID COLLENETTE, MP**.

At 2:30 pm a trilingual historical marker honouring Konowal will be officially unveiled in the **CARTIER SQUARE DRILL HALL**, in downtown Ottawa.

A second plaque will be installed at Branch 360 of the Royal Canadian Legion, in Toronto, on 21 August and a commemorative booklet, entitled **KONOWAL**, will be launched at the Ottawa reception, co-hosted by the Governor General's Foot Guards.

Commenting on these efforts, the president of Branch 360, Mr J.B. Gregorovich, observed: "The time has come for all Canadians interested in national unity to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who fought for liberty and against tyranny during the Great War. Filip Konowal gave of his very best for his King and Country and yet has been all but forgotten by his adopted nation. We are taking steps to redress that ignorance about a man who fought for his country with valour."

The public is cordially invited to both events.

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