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VICTORIA CROSS WINNER TO BE HONOURED

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Canada's only Ukrainian VICTORIA CROSS winner, FILIP KONOWAL, will be honoured in special ceremonies taking place in OTTAWA on Monday, 15 July.

Working with VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA, the Ukrainian Canadian community arranged for the installation of a new grave marker at Konowal's burial site, in the NOTRE DAME CEMETERY, Ottawa. That marker, clearly identifying Konowal as a Victoria Cross winner, will be consecrated in a special ecumenical service beginning at 1:00 pm. Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency VOLODYMYR FURKALO, is expected to speak at this commemorative service.

A trilingual historical plaque recalling Konowal's First World War valour will be officially unveiled by Canada's Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable DAVID M. COLLENETTE, in the CARTIER SQUARE DRILL HALL, in Ottawa, at 2:30 pm. This heritage site is home to the GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

These two events have been organized by Toronto's UKRAINIAN CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 360 (Konowal Branch); the UKRAINIAN CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA and the UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION, working in co-operation with the Governor General's Foot Guards. The public is invited to attend.

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