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Portraits of Honour National Tour to mark first tour stop with special ceremony at CFB Trenton.

The Portraits of Honour National Tour will mark its first official national tour stop at CFB Trenton on Tuesday May 31, 2011 with a special ceremony honouring our fallen Canadian heroes at 10:30am followed by a fundraising dinner to be held within the National Air Force Museum of Canada at 6:00pm.

The special ceremony will honour our Canadian Forces fallen soldiers, sailors and aircrew who are depicted on the 10' x 40' memorial mural entitled "Portraits of Honour" which has been hand painted by Cambridge Kinsmen and artist Dave Sopha.

The ceremony will include keynotes from Colonel Dave Cochrane, CFB Trenton Wing Commander along with several government officials and senior military personnel and it will be attended by several families of fallen troops. It will also pay special honour to Bombadier Manning who died yesterday in Afghanistan. Manning's repatriation ramp ceremony is coincidentally scheduled to occur at CFB Trenton during the afternoon on the same day.

Event: Portraits of Honour Ceremony (first official tour stop)

When: May 31, 2011

> Ceremony: 10:30a - 11:30a Public Viewing: 11:30a - 6:00p*

*NOTE: Public viewing will be suspended during Bdr. Manning's ramp ceremony

Dinner: 6:00pm

Where: Outside in front of the National Air Force Museum of Canada

Canadian Forces Base Trenton

Photo/Video & Interview Opportunities:

Artist Dave Sopha and parents of fallen troops will be available for interviews Military officials will be coordinated by Canadian Forces Public Affairs B-Roll footage of the Governor General's unveiling ceremony (May 29) will be provided upon request

The Portraits of Honour mural, sponsored by Kin Canada, is mounted into a specialized mobile display trailer and will travel across Canada until December visiting the hometowns of all fallen heroes and several other high profile events. It is expected to raise over \$2 million to support injured troops and the Military Families Fund.