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STATEMENT

Statement by Portraits of Honour Chairman on the death of Canada's 156th fallen hero in Afghanistan

Portraits of Honour Chairman, Roger Hebblethwaite issued the following statement today concerning the death of a member of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan:

"On behalf of the Portraits of Honour National Tour committee and the members of Kin Canada, we offer our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Bombadier Karl Manning who died in Afghanistan yesterday while serving in our Canadian Forces.

"The loss of Bombadier Manning further reminds us of the tremendous personal sacrifices being made by the brave men and women who proudly serve in our military and by the families and friends who remain behind while supporting them.

"We will honour Bombadier Manning in the Portraits of Honour memorial ceremony coincidentally scheduled to occur at CFB Trenton on the same day – Tuesday May 31 at 10:00am – as his repatriation ramp ceremony which is scheduled to occur later in the day.

"When we planned the Portraits of Honour National Tour over a year ago, CFB Trenton was selected as the first stop on the tour. This is the sacred place to where each of our fallen heroes returns home. It was only fitting that CFB Trenton would become the launch point of the national tour which will honour our fallen soliders, sailors and aircrew by travelling to each of their hometowns.

"Artist Dave Sopha will begin adding Bombardier Manning's portrait onto the Portraits of Honour mural immediately following the morning ceremony in Trenton and will continue painting it as the tour travels. Karl's portrait will join his 155 fallen military brothers on the 40' mural.

"Our Portraits of Honour National Tour will bring Canadians together to remember, honour and celebrate Bombardier Manning and all of those who have lost their lives while protecting our country and bringing peace and freedom to many others in our world."