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From: Ahmad, Cameron
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Embury, John (VAC/ACC)
Cc: MacKendrick, Andrew; Trogen, Emily; Deagle, Jordan; Wellstead, Alex; McNeill, Cameron (VAC/ACC); Henstock, Bradley (VAC/ACC); Gagnon, Chantal; Louis Hamann; Adam Austen; Stickney, Matt
Subject: Re: Donation of masks for Korean War Veterans from the Gov't of South Korea

Adding Matt

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On May 19, 2020, at 3:01 PM, Embury, John (VAC/ACC) <john.embury@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi Andrew

We heard back from the Embassy about timing — just after I emailed

They are waiting for word from GAC to see if Health Canada can get the necessary approvals for the masks in time for the event on Thursday.

So at the moment, everything is on hold and they won't confirm any details until everything else is a go. Will keep you posted.

On May 19, 2020, at 2:57 PM, MacKendrick, Andrew
<Andrew.MacKendrick@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Thanks for flagging John - adding others for awareness.

Just confirming then this is happening Thursday (PCO Calendar has it in for tomorrow).

Thanks

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On May 19, 2020, at 14:44, Embury, John (VAC/ACC)
<john.embury@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi there,

South Korea is donating 35,000 masks to Canadian Veterans of the Korean War to show their appreciation of the 25,000 Canadians who served there. They are giving masks to Veterans in 22 countries.

VAC is now the lead for GoC on this – had been GAC.

The masks arrived in Canada on the 15th and the South Korean Embassy got them today

The Embassy looking at holding a small event on Thursday at the Embassy w/ ambassador, VAC's DM and representative from the Korean Veterans Association . I should have a scenario later today.

We are looking at setting up a Zoom call for Min MacAulay with the Ambassador to thank him.

Attached is a draft NR, but I'm told PCO has said we should be social media only, because everything around masks has been low-key. I'm okay with it either way.

VAC has a list of long-term care facilities across the country where there are Korean War Vets (there aren't many). The Korean Veteran Association will also help the embassy by using their membership lists

Let me know if you have questions about this or concerns around timing.

John

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