



Media Advisory

**Newfoundland Veterans to attend
Garden of Tears ceremony on Monday, June 20**

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For immediate release

ST. JOHN'S -- On Monday, June 20 at 7:15 p.m., approximately 20 veterans or members of their families from Tiffany Village and Kenny's Pond will attend Opera on the Avalon's Garden of Tears nightly ceremony to plant Forget-Me-Not flowers on the lawn of the Arts and Culture Centre in St. John's.

The ceremony is part of Opera on the Avalon's art installation project, Forget-Me-Not Memorial Garden: Garden of Tears, designed to honour and remember our veterans.

Opera on the Avalon is honoured to have so many brave veterans attend Monday evening's ceremony and invite media to join us as our Newfoundland and Labrador veterans pay tribute to their fallen comrades and remember their own sacrifices at this special ceremony.

NTV's Jodi Cooke is scheduled to be the special guest to read this evening along with musical performance from Shallaway Girls.

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About Forget-Me-Not Memorial Garden: Garden of Tears

The Garden of Tears displays on the lawn of the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre. Forget-Me-Nots are planted at sunset Monday through Thursday throughout the month of June as a trumpet plays out *The Last Post*. Members of the public plant their own personal flowers in memory as part of this ceremony. Ceremonies will continue until the July 1 anniversary of the Battle of Beaumont Hamel. Once all planted, the art installation of Forget-Me-Not flowers will represent the 1500 lives lost during the Battle of Beaumont Hamel.

