



Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

MP Colin Carrie honours the life of Mieczyslaw “Mitch” Lutczyk

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June 19, 2015, Oshawa –, Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, made the following statement in the House of Commons on the passing of Mieczyslaw “Mitch” Lutczyk:

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce that this past Sunday, at the age of 96, Mieczyslaw “Mitch” Lutczyk, a friend, Oshawa resident, Polish Veteran and war hero, passed away.

At the beginning of the Second World War, Mitch served in the 10th Motorized Brigade in Poland. After being interned in Hungary, he escaped to France to rejoin his recreated Brigade.

After the fall of France, Mitch reached England and joined the Polish 1st Armored Division, which landed on Juno Beach on D-Day with the Canadian 2nd Corps.

Mitch’s bravery and courage while serving with the Polish Army was so impressive that he has been decorated by the governments of France, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

In 2011 the Polish government awarded him the prestigious Polonia Restituta medal. Previous recipients of this award include Dwight D. Eisenhower and Simon Wiesenthal

In 2013 I was honoured to personally present Mitch with a Queen Diamond’s Jubilee Medal.

Mitch settled in Oshawa in 1970 and was active in Polish – Canadian Veterans organizations. His legacy is, and will remain, an inspiration to all of Oshawa.

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