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Year 2015 was declared “The Year of War Veterans” by a Government Decision in order to pay homage to the heroism of the Romanian soldiers who lost their lives during World War II which ended 70 years ago and as a sign of gratitude for the war veterans’ courage shown in the battles of the biggest conflagration.

The Ministry of National Defence organized gala concerts and performances dedicated to the war veterans and veterans of the theatres of operations which were honoured by prestigious artists of the Romanian music scene, under the motto “Sacrifice calls for respect”.

*Several special actions were conducted with the support of the soldiers passionate about sports from **Invictus România** Group. These actions succeeded in raising awareness of the civilian society over the respect that must be shown to the veterans, injured or disabled personnel and to the successors of the soldiers who died during military operations.*

*The leadership of the Department for the Parliament Relations and Public Information of the MoND, the **Charity Association of the Romanian Armed Forces – Camarazii** and active-duty soldiers of units across the country stood beside the veterans in their anniversary moments.*

*Also, in this special year dedicated to war veterans, Camarazii Association officially registered the **Romanian peony** (a species protected by law) as a symbol representative for all the events honoring to the heroism of Romanian soldiers. By wearing the Romanian peony on their lapel, the participants in these activities show respect for the acts of great courage of the Romanian soldiers of all time.*

The events conducted under the motto “2015-Year of War Veterans” were an opportunity to increase social cohesion over a project of national importance by bringing to attention the respect for the fundamental values of the state and of the Romanian Armed Forces, military profession and the country’s veterans.







*Commemorative
ceremonies*





Arch over time – the meeting of war veterans with the students

A significant and emotional event took place at the MoND Headquarters, on May 7th.

Ten war veterans, true living legends, and ten students with outstanding learning results of “Dimitrie Cantemir” National Military College met in what could be described as a veritable arch over time. A connection was made between the generation of the war veterans, and the generation represented by the best students who scored high at national and international competitions and in the previous academic year.

During the ceremony, the distinguished war veterans, Gheorghe Dumitrescu, Ion Căiniceanu, Constantin Miu, Nicolae Dobrovie, Ștefan Jancu and Ioan Ștefănescu were promoted in rank to general while ten students got awards for outstanding learning results.



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The war veterans promoted in rank ➤
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The Solemn Gathering of war veterans, injured and disabled personnel and the successors of the soldiers who died during World War II

April 29th – War Veterans' Day

Each year, War Veterans' Day is celebrated on April 29th. The Decision was established in 2007, by Government Resolution no. 1222.

2015 was declared the year of war veterans. Therefore, the Ministry of National Defence organized several activities dedicated to those who fought for the country, for the independence and unity of the Romanian state.

A military and religious wreath laying ceremony was organized in Bucharest, to celebrate the memory of World War II heroes at the Homeland Heroes' Monument – on "Carol I" National Defence University's esplanade. The event was organized by the Ministry of National Defence together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the National Association of War Veterans that celebrated 25 years of activity this year.

Token of appreciation dedicated
to the War Veterans' Day ➤



The war veterans laid wreaths at the
Monument of the Homeland Heroes





The Day of War Veterans celebrated in Târgu-
Mureș Garrison

War Veterans' Day – celebrated in different garrisons of the country

Military and religious wreath laying ceremonies were organized at the monuments built in memory of World War II heroes, with solemn gatherings of war veterans associations, shows, exhibitions as well as upkeep and maintenance of monuments and cemeteries in all garrisons accross the country.

The Military Cemetery
from Șuici, Argeș County



War Veterans' Day,
commemorated in Zalău garrison





Soldiers of the 50th Missile Regiment "Andrei Mureșanu" participated in the upkeep and maintenance works made at the heroes' graves and monuments in April at the Heroes' Monument of Muntele Rece, Cluj County

"You can't love your country without worshipping its past"
Mihai Eminescu

Upkeep and maintenance works of the heroes' graves are opportunities to express gratitude for those who sacrificed their lives for the honour and dignity of the Romanian people.

Keeping alive the memory of those who fell fighting for the country, maintaining and taking care of the burial places and monuments built in their memory are sacred duties of the Romanian state in recognition of the blood tribute paid by the Romanian troops on the battlefields.



Soldiers of 317th Reconnaissance Battalion "Vlădeasa" made upkeep and maintenance works at the World War II Heroes' Monuments in Cojocna and Jucu de Jos, Cluj County



Soldiers of 18th Infantry Brigade "Banat" made upkeep and maintenance works in April at the World War II Heroes' Monuments in Timișoara garrison



On April 17th, soldiers of 249th Communications and IT Company, 2nd Mountain Troop Brigade "Sarmisegetuza" made maintenance works at the graves of the heroes buried at Șprenghe Heroes Monument, Brașov



May 9th – Romania's Independence Day, Europe Day and Victory Day

In the municipalities and localities that host military units, wreath laying ceremonies were organized to celebrate Romania's Independence Day, Europe Day and Victory Day, on May 9th.

In Bucharest, the ceremony dedicated to this day of triple significance took place at the Homeland Heroes' Monument from World War II, "Carol I" National Defence University.



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Wreath-laying ceremony at the Homeland Heroes' Monument
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May 21st - Heroes' Day

"The nation is immortal through the Cult of its Heroes", Nicolae Jorga used to say. Decree-Law no. 1693 issued on May 4th, 1920, stipulated that Heroes' Day be ordained as national holiday and be celebrated "with religious, educational, military and national pomp". The Decision was adopted by the Parliament of Romania in 1995.

The Ministry of National Defence organized military and religious ceremonies to celebrate Heroes' Day on May 21st.

Wreath-laying ceremonies took place at "Filantropia" Israeli Cemetery, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Carol Park, at the Monument of the Heroes who fell on duty in Theatres of Operations and on the national territory (at the Children's National Palace), at the Homeland Heroes' Monument, from "Carol I" National Defence University and Ghencea National Cemetery.



Military and religious wreath-laying ceremony conducted at the Monument of the Heroes who fell on duty in Theatres of Operations and on the national territory, Bucharest

Military and religious wreath-laying ceremony conducted at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – Carol Park





May 22nd, 2015 – Memorial Day

*"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country
can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude.
America will never forget their sacrifices."*

– Harry S. Truman, the President of the United States of America

On Memorial Day, Dean Thompson, Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Romania and State Secretary Otilia Sava laid wreaths at the US Heroes' Monument from Cișmigiu Park, Bucharest.

The monument is built in memory of the 378 American soldiers who lost their lives in World War II. It was inaugurated in 2002; in 2006, it was rebuilt and replaced in a position which offers a better view on it.



➤ Wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument of the US Heroes who lost their lives on the Romanian territory during World War II

...Stop just for a second, discover yourself and think that his sacrifice made it possible for you to live a free life, love the sun, flowers, mountains and rivers he protected and left to you as an inheritance!
(inscription sculpted on one of the hundreds of monuments in the memory of the Romanian heroes)





A hero, a flower, eternal glory to the heroes of the Romanian nation!

2015 celebrated 70 years since the end of World War II, the biggest and the bloodiest armed conflict in the history of the mankind.

During the biggest world conflagration, Romania counted over 900,000 dead, injured, missing, prisoners or disabled people.

Almost 92,000 soldiers lost their lives while fighting on the battlefields.

Honouring the sacrifice of the homeland heroes on each occasion is a sign of respect for those who fought in World War II, "a country without heroes being like a house without doors" (Gabriel Garcia Marquez).




 The Romanian Heroes'
 Monument in Sinaia,
 September 11th, 2015

70 years since the battles from Păuliș fought by the students
 of School No. 5 for Reserve NCO from Rodna, Arad County-
 Photo taken at one of the graves

*"We were in a marching column, the atmosphere was
 cheerful, although we knew we were heading towards
 death. We were happy we were offered the opportunity to
 do our duty for the country."*
 — Streian Nicolae, hero of the battles from Păuliș





The Romanian Honourary Cemetery from Teiş was reinaugurated

An exciting ceremony occasioned by the reinauguration of the Romanian Honourary Cemetery from Teiş took place in the old voivodeship of Târgoviște, on October 22nd.

The event was part of the restoration project of the heroes' monuments and cemeteries, initiated by the Department for the Relation with the Parliament and Public Information, through the National Office for the Heroes Memory.

Most of the gravestones were replaced, the surrounding fences were rebuilt, the cemeteries' lanes were rearranged and a Maramureș-type wooden roadside crucifix was placed, specific to those existing in World War II.



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The sacrifice of the heroes buried in
the Cemetery from Teiş brought back
into collective memory
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November 11th – Day of the Veterans of the theatres of operations

This is the day when we celebrate all those who represented their country with honour in theatres of operations, by accomplishing their missions where Romania asked them to, sometimes at the cost of their lives!

Religious sermons were held and military ceremonies were organized at the graves of the 26 heroes who fell on duty in theatres of operations and at the monuments built for the sacrifice and heroism of the Romanian soldiers.

The military ceremony took place in Tineretului Park, at the Monument of the Heroes who fell on Duty in Theatres of Operations and on Romanian territory.

The heroes' families, representatives of the local authorities, military personnel, war veterans and students attended the activities organized at each grave.



◀ Active-duty and reserve veterans from the theatres of operations were promoted in rank

The participants in the ceremony wore the Romanian peony on their lapel – the symbol of the blood spilled on the battlefield by Romanian heroes





*The veterans of theatres of operations marched
for the first time at the Military Parade of December 1st*

War veterans and veterans of theatres of operations were invited to see the soldiers and vehicles marching at the Military Parade organized on Romania's National Day.

A detachment of soldiers injured in missions carried out outside the national borders, in the theatres of operations from the Western Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan marched for the first time at the military parade organized this year. The detachment was headed by Colonel Augustin Pegulescu, injured in Afghanistan.

Since 1996 up to present, 26 soldiers sacrificed their lives for the country, while 50 soldiers out of the 150 ones that were injured, presented arms on the National Day of Romania.



▲ A great number of citizens from Bucharest participated in the 1st December Military Parade



◀ Defence Minister Mircea Motoc together with Staff Sergeant Daniel Porumb, injured in the theatre of operations from Iraq





*Invictus Romania —
beside veterans*





April 29th – “The Veterans’ Marathon”

In 2015, the volunteer soldiers of “Invictus România” Group conducted a series of actions meant to mark the Veterans’ Year.

On the War Veterans’ Day, the volunteers of “Invictus” ran in the capital city in the “Veterans’ Marathon”. The starting point of the marathon was the Monument of the Heroes who fell on duty in the Theatres of Operations and on the Romanian territory (placed in the proximity of the Children’s National Palace). The Marathon’s route included Tineretului Park, Carol I Park, Viilor Avenue, Panduri Street with the end point at “Carol I” National Defence University. During the marathon, the volunteers of “Invictus România” Association wore a 50-meter long national flag. National, international and olympic medal winning sportsmen of “Steaua” București Sport Club joined the volunteers of “Invictus România”.

Invictus Romania Group made up of sports loving soldiers has as a main goal raising the awareness of the civilian society of the respect and appreciation that must be shown to veterans, injured and disabled soldiers and the successors of the dead personnel participating in military operations.



Invictus Romania Group celebrated **The Day of War Veterans in the Theatres of Operations** (November 11, 2015) through a first-time event — *Autumn Triathlon Invictus ... I AM I-MAN!* Each volunteer swam 1.5 km, run 21 km and rode a bicycle on a 40 km distance. The donations raised will be used to send a soldier injured in Afghanistan or Iraq, to the future edition of Invictus Paralympic Games





Invictus “Challenge” on the Day of the National Flag

The soldiers of “Invictus România” volunteer association launched a public “challenge” concerning the respect to heroes and the National Flag. The activity was organized in Tricolorului Square of the capital city by the Ministry of National Defence, Bucharest Municipality of the Prefect’s Office and the Capital City Hall, on the occasion of the Day of the National Flag proclaimed on June 26th.

The challenge entitled “For My Hero!” consisted in lighting a candle in memory of the chosen hero, in laying a flower or a national flag at one of the monuments or taking pictures while carrying a sheet of paper with the name of a hero and posting it on MoND Facebook page, in the Events section.

Invictus Romania "Challenge"
"For My Hero" took place throughout
June 30th – July 29th





October 25th – “Veterans’ Relay Race”

Soldiers of “Invictus România” Group celebrated the Year of War Veterans and the Day of the Romanian Armed Forces by organizing the event entitled “Veterans’ Relay Race”.

The relay baton, which consisted in the national flag, was worn by the members of Invictus România Group for more than one thousand kilometres, on four of the main freedom routes followed by the Romanian Armed Forces during World War II battles, of 1944.

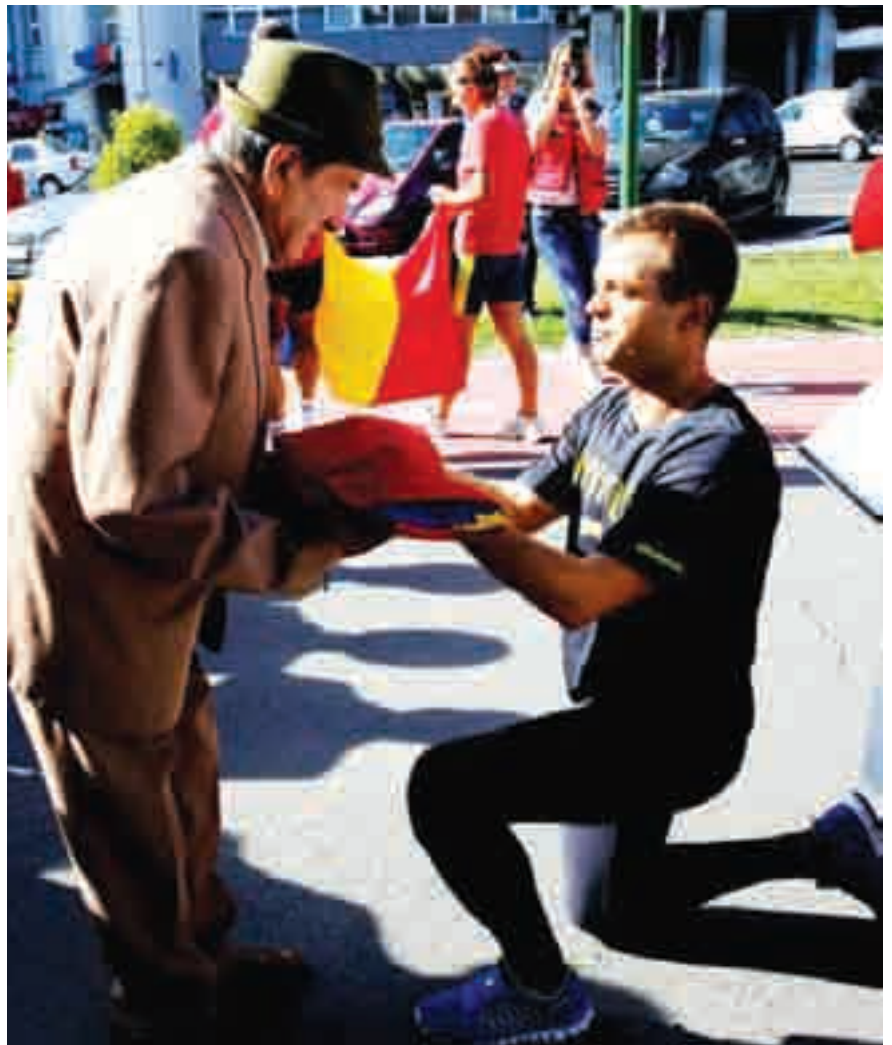
The relay bearers handed over a national flag to the World War II veterans in each of the localities where the battles took place; the national flag was subsequently entrusted to the local authorities to be hoisted on a representative edifice of the community.

The Veterans’ relay bearers reached Carei on October 25, at “Glory to the Romanian Soldier” Monumental Ensemble.



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The start of the Veterans' Relay Race 2015 was given at
the Homeland Heroes' Monument from the capital city
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Veterans' Relay Race 2015
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Veterans' Relay Race 2015 — The members of Invictus Group from Banat laid national flags on the monuments in Timișoara County (The Monument of Crucifixion, The Monument of the Romanian Soldier and the Monument of the Homeland Heroes)



◀ Carei, October 25th, 2015, Veterans' Relay Race reached its end. The representative of Invictus România Group handed over the National Flag to a war veteran



Sebastian Orza joined the soldiers of the 33rd Mountain Troop Battalion "Posada", for 6 months in Afghanistan, where he supported the cause of his comrades from Invictus România Group by running with the national flag over 1.000 km



Soldiers of Invictus-at the grave of Second Lieutenant (pm) Claudiu Chira, who was killed in action in Afghanistan

"Veterans' Relay Race" — moment of gratitude for the sacrifice made by the homeland heroes! ➤



◀ State Secretary Otilia Sava together with Invictus Group, at Pro Patria Cemetery in Bucharest, on The Day of the National Flag, June 26th, 2015





*Anniversaries
of the war veterans*





War veteran Iosif Rus,
when he turned 100 years old

Happy Birthday to our veterans!

It has become a tradition that our war veterans be visited and celebrated by a representative of the MoND leadership or by the representatives of Zonal and County Military Centres or of certain military units located in the proximity of their homes. Through this symbolic gesture, the active-duty soldiers stand beside their former colleagues by showing their gratitude and respect for the sacrifices made on the battlefield.



◀ Command Sergeant Major (ret) Dumitru Anghel, World War II veteran, celebrated by the representatives of Constanța Zonal Military Centre when turning 101 years old

Colonel (ret) Ioan Moldovan, celebrated when turning 102 years old by his colleagues from 81st Mechanized Infantry Brigade from Bistrița ➤





◀ Master Sergeant (ret)
 Aurel Cotoarbă, visited by the
 soldiers of "Panait Donici" Training
 Center for EOD, Engineer and CRBN
 from Râmnicu Vâlcea when he
 turned 97 years old



Command Sergeant Major
 (ret) Iosif Tău when turning
 96 years old ▶



Theodora Nedelea,
war widow, when turning
93 years old ➤



◀ War veteran
Alexandru Banicu celebrated his
101 anniversary together with
his active-duty colleagues



◀ War veteran Achile Zdru was celebrated by the MoND leadership when turning 107 years old



General (ret) Constantin Didulescu, celebrated when he turned 92 years old
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Second lieutenant (ret) Vasile Bălc,
celebrated for reaching the venerable
age of 95 ➤



◀ Brigadier General (ret)
Viorel Cosma, when turning
92 years old



➤ Second lieutenant (ret) Ion T. Alradi received the visit of the comrades from Vâlcea County Military Center

Colonel (ret) Constantin Ilinca, turning the venerable age of 100 ➤



War veteran Bucur Scarlat received the visit of State Secretary Otilia Sava, with joy, when he turned 101 years old ➤



◀ First Sergeant (ret) Ioan Floroiu celebrated his 96th anniversary together with the soldiers of 2nd Valahia Logistic Base from Ploiești





*Performances dedicated
to the war veterans
and the veterans from
the theatres of operations*





Great Romanian artists offered an exceptional performance on the 'War Veterans' Day

A performance dedicated to the veterans, disabled and injured soldiers, the families of the deceased military personnel during World War II, as well as to the military and civilian personnel of the defence ministry took place in the assembly hall of the institution.

The protagonists of the performance were soprano Felicia Filip, Sava Negrean Brudaşcu, Veta Biriş, Grigore Leşe, Gheorghe Roşoga, Margareta Clîpa, Ovidiu Purdea Someş, Oana Matei, Maria Guzu, The Group of Men from Libotin, Men's Folk Dance Team of "Romanati" Folk Ensemble from Caracal, the MoND Representative Music and the Romanian Radio Folk Music Orchestra.

The great artists performing on the stage created an unforgettable atmosphere by sharing with the public emotional moments and their own significant experiences with regard to their parents and grandparents who fought on the battlefields during WWII, to whom we owe what we cherish most- a free country!



◀ War veterans attending the performance



The Group of Men from Libotin with Grigore Leșe ➤



April 29th – The President of Romania promoted several war veterans in rank

The President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis, signed several decrees for the promotion in rank of 11 retired and reserve war veterans.

Also, President Iohannis sent a message in which he expressed his gratitude for the sacrifices made by the war veterans for their country: “Venerable veterans, we thank you for the sacrifices made for the country. You showed us what patriotism, honour and dignity mean and you earned a place in national history. Romania will show you eternal gratitude”!

By order of the Minister of National Defence, retired commissioned officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers were promoted to the next rank, no higher than the rank of lieutenant-colonel on May 9th, on Victory Day.

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Rank promotion ceremony of the
war veterans held at the National
Military Club
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Royal Dinner in Honour of the Veterans

On April 29th, war veterans were honoured by the Royal House during an official dinner offered by Princess Margareta in the name of King Mihai, to celebrate 70 years since the end of World War II. The special guests invited to this event were 60 veterans, heroes of World War II, widows of those who lost their lives on the battlefield, representatives of the Ministry of National Defence and members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Bucharest.

On August 23^d, 1944, King Mihai decided to initiate the negotiations of the truce with the Allies. Historians worldwide appreciate that this put an end to the war six months earlier sparing hundreds of thousands of lives.



◀ Brigadier General
(ret) Viorel Cosma

Group photo from the official dinner
organized at the Royal House in the
honour of the war veterans





Performance held in honour of war veterans and soldiers injured in theatres of operations

Artists Adrian Leonard Mociulschi (piano player) and Nicolae Voiculeț (flute player), accompanied by România Orchestra, offered on September 17 a concert dedicated to war veterans and soldiers injured in theatres of operations, in the Marble Hall of the National Military Club.

The show was organized by the Ministry of National Defence in partnership with the Romanian Cultural Institute in celebration of the Year of War Veterans and of the Day of the Romanian Armed Forces.



◀ Yesterday's and today's war veterans



Piano-player Leonard Mociulschi during the performance given at the National Military Club ▶



“Grandparents’ hits sung by children” for the elderly people

The children from “Supercalifragilistic” Group offered an emotional artistic performance for the war veterans during an exceptional show dedicated to the Day of the Elderly People, which took place on October 2nd, in the Marble Room of the National Military Club.

General Marin Dragnea, the chairman of the National Association of War Veterans thanked the young artists for their performances by offering them the generic title of “veterans of honour” in appreciation of their talent and devotion.

Brigadier General Constantin Nae Miu was celebrated and applauded during the representation for turning the venerable age of 87. The distinguished war veteran served his country since he was 17 years old.



➤ General (ret) Marin Dragnea awarded the children the title of “veterans of honour” for their talent and dedication



The children of “Supercalifragilistic” Group enchanted the audience



*Heroes of the theatres of operations were
the protagonists of the performance
“Hearts of Romanians”*

Several Romanian soldiers, heroes of the theatres of operations, were awarded during the performance entitled “Hearts of Romanians” broadcasted by the Romanian public television channel (TVR) on the National Day of Romania.

The soldiers were commended for the sacrifice made for their country and, in turn, handed over their prizes to several generous Romanians, Heroes of good deeds. “The Romanian peony”, symbol of the heroic Romanian soldiers, was worn by all the participants in this wonderful event.



Performance "Hearts of Romanians" offered by the TVR





“Sacrifice calls for Respect” – gala concert dedicated to the Romanian Armed Forces’ veterans

Under the motto “Sacrifice calls for Respect”, the Ministry of National Defence, in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, organized a gala concert dedicated to war veterans.

The artistic representation was held on December 14th, at the National Opera of Bucharest, directed by Cristian Mihăilescu, with the participation of violin player Eugen Sârbu, piano player Carmina Sârbu, Madrigal Choir (directed by Anna Ungureanu), the MoND Representative Music Band, Children’s Comic Opera, actor Dan Puric and flute player Nicolae Voiculescu.

The representation was dedicated to war veterans, military veterans and successors of the soldiers participating in missions in the theatres of operations from Afghanistan, Iraq and the Western Balkans.



◀ Prime Minister Dacian Cioloș wearing the Romanian peony, symbol of the Romanian Armed Force's veterans

Violin player Eugen Sârbu and the well-known piano player Carmina Sârbu, on the National Opera's stage, Bucharest ➤





War veterans and veterans of the theatres of operations enjoyed an exceptional show



Little ballerinas from the Comic Opera for Children



◀ Prime Minister Dacian Cioloș and the MoND leadership together with Staff Sergeant Ionuț Butoi and Sergeant First Class (Reserve) Daniel Porumb, seriously injured in the theatres of operations



Defence Minister Mihnea Motoc awarded "Partner for defence" medal and certificate to the artists who performed during the gala concert "Sacrifice calls for respect" ➤



Christmas Tree Festivity at the National Military Club

Children of Romanian military heroes who fell on duty, were wounded or injured in missions at home or abroad, participated in the Festivity of the Christmas Tree at the Palace of the National Military Club, the Marble Hall, on Tuesday, December 15.

Radio Killer band, Nicole Cherry, BiBi, Andrei Leonte and Ștefan Stan performed during a show organized there. Ingrid Boengiu sang Christmas carols and Robert Tudor charmed children with a magic show.

The festivity was animated by professional artists, Răzvan Popescu from Radio ZU was Santa's help, while the presents were ensured by "Camarazii" Charity Association of the Romanian Armed Forces.



Children of Romanian military heroes fully enjoyed the Christmas Tree Festivity organized by the MoND





The children sang Christmas carols to the war veterans

On December 16th, the children of "Supercalifragilistic" Group sang Christmas carols to the war veterans during a performance held at the Palace of the National Military Club from Bucharest.

Those who fought in World War II enjoyed the Christmas carols and the poems recited by the children.

Santa Clause surprised the little artists, offering them presents.



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The performance of the children of "Supercalifragilistic"
Group enchanted the war veterans
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In memoriam





Romanian-French exchange of experience on the issues faced by war veterans

During June 8th-9th, 2015, a MoND delegation made an official visit in France, following the invitation of Mr. Jean-Marc Todeschini, Minister of State for Veterans and Remembrance in the French Ministry of Defence.

The agenda of the MoND delegation included a visit to Percy Training Hospital of the Armies and the National Institute of Invalids.

The Romanian and French officials laid wreaths in the lot allotted to the Romanian heroes at Dieuze War Cemetery.



MoND delegation's visit
to the National Institute
of the Invalids ➤

The parcel of the Romanian Heroes
from the War Cemetery Dieuze





Anniversary philatelic emission,
launched by Romfilatelia

Philatelic and numismatic emission dedicated to the celebration of 70 years since the end of World War II

The National Bank of Romania and Romfilatelia launched special emissions in order to bring to the public attention the special historical significance of the Year of War Veterans and to mark 70 years since the end of World War II.

On April 29th, the National Bank of Romania introduced a 10-lei silver coin into the numismatic circuit while Romfilatelia launched a 4.30 lei stamp entitled "70 years since the end of World War II in Europe".



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 ◀ The silver coin launched by the National Bank of Romania to mark 70 years since the end of World War II



The Romanian Military Cemetery from Rossoška was inaugurated on October 25th

The first Romanian military cemetery from the Russian Federation was inaugurated on October 25th, on the Day of the Romanian Armed Forces, in Rossoška locality, Volgograd region (former Stalingrad), as part of the Commemorative Complex bearing the same name.

The necropolis shelters the remains of all Romanian soldiers who lost their lives in the battle of Stalingrad. The names of the localities from Volgograd and Kalmikia area which hosted Romanian battlefield cemeteries are carved on 22 black granite plaques. The remains of the Romanian soldiers buried there are or are going to be exhumed in order to be moved to Rossoška.

The Romanian Cemetery of Honour was built in 2015 due to the conjugated efforts of the Romanian and Russian authorities with responsibilities in the field.



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The Romanian Military Cemetery from Rossoska
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The remembrance of veterans – importance to the Romanian and French officials

A French delegation headed by Mr. Jean-Marc Todeschini, Minister of State for Veterans and Remembrance in the French Ministry of Defence, paid a visit to Romania on March 12th, as part of a wide visit program dedicated to the memory of the soldiers who fell on the Eastern front during WWI.

In the first part of its visit to Romania, the French delegation participated in a round table with the students of Anna de Noailles High-school, discussions that were attended also by Romanian war veterans.

In the second part of its visit, the French delegation and a MoND delegation headed by State Secretary Otilia Sava had official talks about the remembrance to the veterans, the heroes who died in the battlefield and other victims of the conflagrations.



➤ Minister of State Jean-Marc Todeschini laid wreaths at the Monument of the French Soldier in Cismigiu Park

Wreath laying ceremony at the French Military Square in Bellu Cemetery, Bucharest



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