

## PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEMAKING MINUTES



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The corporal worked 12 hour shifts in the patient administration division of the NATO hospital at Kandahar's airfield. She was profiled in Jean

Miso's book *We'll Never Forget* and spoke to Patrick Connors about it. The following excerpts are from his article *We'll Never Forget* news4u.net

"As a soldier in the Canadian Forces, I served as a member of the Patient Administration Division at Kandahar Air Field Hospital (Multinational Medical Unit). During every shift, I've witnessed various types of war injuries ranging from minor shrapnel wounds to torn up limbs caused by explosions or hostile encounters. Some individuals were fortunate enough to be saved by the medical team but some were not.

I met Jean Miso through my former Commanding Officer of the unit 25 Field Ambulance. Her book and everything surrounding it brought me an experience that I would never forget. It was very humbling to meet other veterans who have fought in other wars, to sit next to them and not know what to say because of the overwhelming feeling.

Canada gave my family and myself a second chance at life when we immigrated from a war-torn country like Sri Lanka. Being part of the Canadian military gave me an opportunity to give back to this country and the people for offering a home to the new immigrants. I'm very proud of what I do. I wouldn't trade this experience for the world. I love this country and I would do anything to keep it the way it is—free."

Shangary moved to Canada when she was 15-years-old, became a Canadian citizen at 18-years-of-age and joined the Canadian Army as a medic while she was still a student.