

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release 2005OTP0089-000730 Aug. 8, 2005

Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat Protocol and Events Branch

## **B.C. HONOURS "SMOKEY" SMITH**

VICTORIA – Flags at the Parliament Buildings and at Government House will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset on Aug. 9, 2005, the day of the lying-in-state in Ottawa for Sgt. Ernest Alvia "Smokey" Smith, Canada's last living recipient of the Victoria Cross.

Flags will be flown at half-mast on all B.C. government buildings across the province from sunrise on Aug. 12, 2005, the day of his lying-in-state at the Seaforth Armoury in Vancouver. Flags will remain at half-mast until sunset on Aug. 13, 2005, the day of his funeral.

-30-

Media Lucy Stephenson contact: Protocol and Events Officer 250 356-1139

Visit the Province's website at <u>www.gov.bc.ca</u> for online information and services.