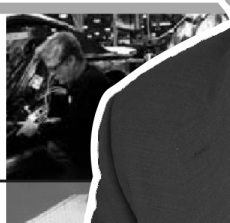
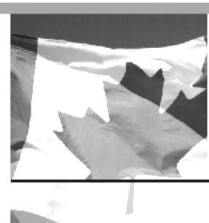


# Brian MASSE

M.P. Windsor West



WINDSOR WEST UPDATE

November 2008

Dear Friends,

Veterans' Week, November 5 to 11, is a time for all Canadians to honour the selfless dedication of those who have served in times of war, military conflict and peace. We also honour those who continue to serve our country around the world. These men and women are upholding a noble Canadian tradition by taking an active role in bringing stability and peace to parts of the world that have seen turmoil and upheaval.

During Veterans' Week 2008, Canadians from coast to coast to coast will show pride and gratitude for our Veterans as events and activities take place across the country in their honour.

All Canadians, especially youth, are urged to take an active role in remembrance. There are many ways to get involved. Talk to a Veteran. Visit our cenotaph. Read a book on our Veterans' great sacrifices and achievements or attend the Remembrance Day ceremony. When Canadians participate in commemorative events, we take up the torch of remembrance. As a result, we can rest assured that future generations will continue to commemorate those who helped shape Canada as a nation.

Yours truly,

Brian Masse, MP  
(Windsor West)



**Above:** War Memorial  
at City Hall Square in  
Windsor.

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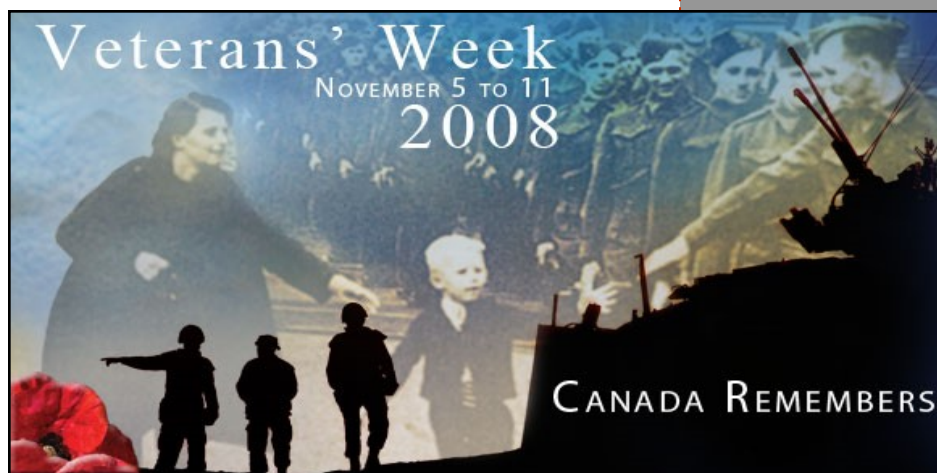
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Please come out and join our local  
veterans at Windsor City Hall Square  
Cenotaph this coming  
**November 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.**

LEST WE FORGET.

Celebrate. Honour. Remember. Thank. Teach.

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# REMEMBERING OUR LOCAL HEROES

## **BETTY STEWART (nee CLIFFORD)**

### **Canadian Women's Army Corps— Parachute Packer**

In 1944, Betty Stewart was sent to Camp Shilo, Manitoba. She was assigned to the Paratroop Division of the Army along with other C.W.A.Cs to complete her training.

The parachute packers attended a three-week course on how to repair and pack them. Ms. Stewart preferred packing the parachutes, so that was her job. The packers worked at long tables where they hooked the parachutes at both ends and packed them. Each chute contained 80 yards of nylon.

The parachutes were inspected at three different stages to ensure they were packed correctly. The parachute packers did this until just before the war ended. Ms. Stewart loved her job and was proud and honoured to do it. She loved every minute of her time spent in the C.W.A.C.



L-R: Larry Costello, Keeper of the Windsor War Memorial Cenotaph, Joe Comartin MP, Mayor Eddie Francis, and Brian Masse MP, carry the Canadian Flag forward at the VE Day Ceremonies at City Hall Square.

### **The History of the Poppy**

Poppies are worn as a symbol of remembrance. After the First World War, a French woman named Madame E. Guérin suggested to British Field-Marshal Earl Haig that women and children in devastated areas of France produce poppies for sale to support the wounded veterans. Poppies were available in Canada by November 1921 and these red flowers continue to grow on the battlefields of France and Belgium.

## **Let It Never Be Forgotten**

and the Canadians came  
to answer the call  
leaving the homeland  
unthreatened and safe  
undeniably courageous  
a strength bestowed  
with unshakable pride  
through two world wars  
and conflicts since  
liberating  
for others  
dreams of freedom  
unfaltering in conviction  
let it never be forgotten  
such sacrifices  
of blood and spirit

~Kevin V. Harvey  
(Windsor)