

VETERANS' WEEK
November 5-11
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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 2009, 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. Attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in Windsor and bring a family member, friend or neighbour.

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,

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Right: Brian Masse M.P. remembers at the Windsor cenotaph.

Teachers and parents, did you know that there are educational resources available to help you and your children learn about and remember Canada's role in the world?

There are postcards to send to our soldiers in Afghanistan, interactive games, recipes, and more! You can download information online at: www.vac.gc.ca or call my constituency office at (519) 255-1631 and we will get this information to you at your request.

Lest we forget.

You're invited!

Join our local veterans to remember at Windsor City Hall Square Cenotaph this Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

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REMEMBERING OUR LOCAL HEROES

MILDRED BLYTH (nee TERRY)

Canadian Women's Army Corps—Secretary

Mildred Blyth enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in October 1943.

After six months in Toronto, Mildred was posted to Kingston, Ontario and worked in the Orderly Room of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. In June 1945 she was posted in London, England at the Canadian Military Headquarters.

Her duty in England was to take over the secretarial jobs that were previously performed by the men so that they could return to Canada and to their families after already being away for 5 long years.



Right: Women soldering and assembling cables for airplanes. Canadian Car and Foundry Company, 1945, Fort William, Ontario.

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Did You Know?

- Of the 205,533 recorded members of various Canadian Services that served on behalf of Canada in the Second World War, 25,684 were women;
- Of the 13,943 enrolled in the Korean War, 1,493 were Canadian women;
- More than a million Canadians have served in the post-war years and of those, more than 1400 have given their lives in service—their names are commemorated in the Seventh Book of Remembrance, In Service to Canada;
- Approximately 150,000 Canadians have served in peacekeeping missions/ foreign military operations since 1947 with more than 160 Canadians giving their lives in this service—these Canadians are also honoured in the *Seventh Book of Remembrance*.

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