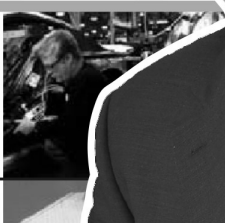
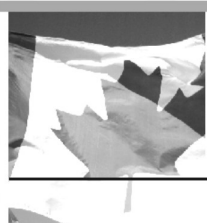


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WINDSOR WEST UPDATE

November 2009



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,

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

KAY RYAN (nee KELAHER)

**Canadian Women's Army Corps.—
CPL.**

Kay Ryan enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corps (C.W.A.C.) as soon as she reached the age of 18. She had eagerly tried to enlist several times before that, but was too young.

Ms. Ryan spent three months of basic training in Kitchener. Following basic training, she was sent to the C.W.A.C. Unit in Barrie Field. She worked in the C.W.A.C. Administration Building completing clerical work, which included typing letters, mail, records, etc.

The army was a wonderful experience for Ms. Ryan. She developed close relationships with most of the women on the base. Those relationships continue today, over 60 years later.

Ms. Ryan thoroughly enjoyed her two years in the C.W.A.C. The discipline, responsibility, teamwork, and caring for others has followed her into civilian life. She has always been grateful for the opportunity of helping in the war effort.

Her only regret was that she was too young to go overseas, as women had to be 21 years old.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we
lie in Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow in Flanders fields.*

~ John McCrae

REMEMBERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

- ♦ Canada entered the First World War in 1914;
- ♦ Almost 620,000 Canadian men and women served in this war at a time when the population of the whole country was only a few million;
- ♦ Of those 620,000, more than 66,000 were killed;
- ♦ At the Battle of the Somme, British Forces suffered their heaviest one-day loss ever—more than 57,000 men including more than 700 from Newfoundland were killed or injured during this Battle;
- ♦ Four Canadians were awarded the Victoria Cross—the Commonwealth's highest award for bravery—for their part in capturing Vimy Ridge;
- ♦ Canadian John McCrae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" while on the battlefield;
- ♦ During the course of the war, Canada's naval service grew from 350 men and two ships to a force of 9,000 men and 100 ships.