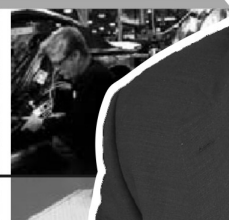
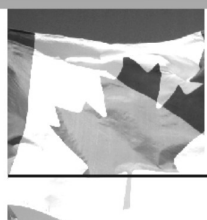


Brian MASSE

M.P. Windsor West



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

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
unflinching in conviction
let it never be forgotten
such sacrifices
of blood and spirit

~Kevin V. Harvey
(Windsor)