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## Member of Parliament



REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 2017



“Without freedom  
there can be no  
ensuring peace and  
without peace no  
enduring freedom.”

~King George VI at the  
dedication of the National  
War Memorial  
(Ottawa, May 21, 1939)

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Dear Friends,

As in the past, I am sending this special Remembrance Day mailing to help our community in remembrance. This year marks the 100 year anniversary of both the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the Battle of Passchendaele, and the 75th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid..

Further, there are several ways that we can ensure that we pay special tribute to our Canadian war heroes by, for instance, wearing a poppy which has been a clear symbol of commemoration since the immediate aftermath of the WWI. Reflection in silence for two minutes is also a common way of remembering on November 11th of every year. These minutes, although short, provide us opportunity to think about the past, our heroes lost and returned, and those who serve today. Another way to remember is to visit the numerous war memorials that have been erected in the city, country and worldwide that are in many instances the only memory that we have of many soldiers.

And as you will see, below I have included a mail back card that I will be presenting to the local veterans at our legions. Please take the time to thank our veterans, and remember them and our lost heroes not only on Remembrance Day, but every day.

Ultimately, I encourage everyone who can, to participate in this year's **Remembrance Day ceremony held at the cenotaph in City Hall Square at 11.00 a.m., on November 11, 2017.** I hope to see you there.

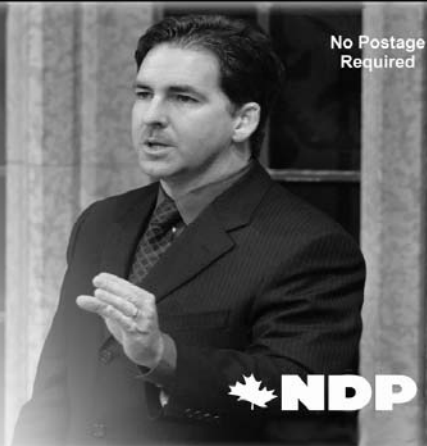
**Thank you veterans—your sacrifices and service to Canada will not be forgotten.**

Yours truly,

On the back side of this newsletter you will find the story of one of our local war memorials. This story is just one of many located in our community. I send these flyers with different information to ten different neighbourhoods in Windsor West. If you are interested in seeing more, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (519) 255-1631 or by email at: **brian.masse@parl.gc.ca** and we will get you copies of all of the mailings you are interested in..

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# THE ANCHOR MEMORIAL

Located at Dieppe Gardens in Windsor, this monument is dedicated to the servicemen and women that served with the Royal Canadian Navy and the Merchant Navy during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and during Canadian Peacekeeping missions.



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<http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Culture/Monuments/Pages/Monuments.aspx>

## Battle of Passchendaele and Vimy Ridge Battle Two Battles of National Pride

In the fall of 1917 Canadian troops in Belgium fought in the Third battle of Ypres known as the battle of **Passchendaele**. In Passchendaele Canadians went through a nightmare of three D - dirt, dust and death. When Passchendaele was captured on November 10, 1917, the Canadians proved their valour, by succeeding where others had not! Nonetheless the cost of the victory was 16,000 Canadian casualties.



On April 9, 1917 after unsuccessful endeavors of the British and French troops to capture **Vimy Ridge**, a long, heavily defended hill along the Western Front in northern France, it was Canada's turn to try. Having used an advancing line of precise shell fire, Canadian soldiers overran the enemy before many of them could leave their underground bunkers. Despite the importance of this victory, it notwithstanding came at a cost of approximately 11,000 of Canadian men being killed or wounded.

For More Information visit: [www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca)

THANK YOU VETERAN!

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Thank you for sharing your message to a local veteran. I will be bringing these to the Legion where they will be distributed.

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