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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](mailto:brian.masse@parl.gc.ca) and we will get you copies of all of the mailings you are interested in..

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# ETERNAL FLAME

Located at Dieppe Gardens, this flame plaque reads:

They grow not old  
as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

Lawrence Binyon  
1869-1943



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

## Children During War

During the war, Canadian children contributed and sacrificed in many ways.

- ◆ Youth were constantly encouraged by their teachers, family, and friends to support the home front effort.
  - ◆ With most able-bodied men overseas, there were not enough farm workers to harvest the crops. Countless young people worked long hours on farms to ensure a steady food supply for Canadians and our Allies.
  - ◆ To encourage students to help with the harvest, many schools did not count attendance or introduce new material in classes until after the crops were in.
  - ◆ The government lowered the minimum age for obtaining a driver's licence to 14 so that children could legally operate farm trucks and other vehicles.
  - ◆ Many children saw themselves as junior soldiers. They prepared for war by memorizing aircraft silhouettes and building ship models. Many high school students joined cadet corps and learned how to march, perform arms drills, and fire weapons.
  - ◆ Teachers often had children write letters to Canadian military members overseas, telling them about what was happening back home.
  - ◆ Canadian children were joined by hundreds of British refugee children (guest children) who were sent by their parents from bomb-ravaged Britain to Canada for their safety. These children lived with Canadian children and went to school with them.
- (Source—[www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca))



'Wait for me, Daddy': Private Jack Bernard, B.C. Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) saying goodbye to his five-year-old son Warren.  
1940 / New Westminster, B.C.  
Photo: Library and Archives Canada/PA C-038723



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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