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REMEMBRANCE DAY

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“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.

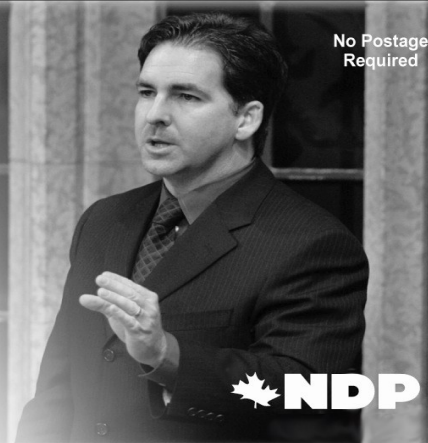
Thank you veterans—your sacrifices and service to Canada will not be forgotten.

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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SILVER CROSS MONUMENT

This monument is located north of Riverside Drive between Ferry and Church Street and is dedicated by the Windsor Chapter Remembrance Association Silver Cross Women of Canada to the servicemen and women who fought in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and who served as peacekeepers.



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

Silver Cross Mothers

The National Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother is chosen annually by the Royal Canadian Legion to represent the mothers of Canada at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa on November 11. She will lay a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial on behalf of all mothers who lost children in the military service to their nation. During her year-long tenure, which begins on November 1st, she performs other official duties, as required.

The Memorial Cross (more often referred to as the Silver Cross) is awarded to mothers and widows (next of kin) of Canadian soldiers who died on active duty or whose death was consequently attributed to such duty.

1964 National Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother – Bernadette Rivait

Mrs. Bernadette Rivait of Windsor, Ontario, was the 1964 National Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother. During the national Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa on November 11, 1964, she laid a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial on behalf of all mothers who have lost a child in military service to Canada.

On August 19, 1942, sons, Private Leon Maxime Rivait and Private Alphonse Cecil Rivait were killed in action during the battle of Dieppe while serving with the Essex Scottish Regiment.

On November 23, 1944, another of her sons, Private Lawrence Rivait, was also killed in action while serving with the Essex Scottish Regiment.

Two other sons of Mrs. Rivait, Raymond and Edward, also served in the Second World War. Raymond was taken prisoner for three years. When Edward enlisted shortly after Lawrence was killed, Mrs. and Mr. Rivait drew up a petition to get him out of the service and while they succeeded in having him discharged, he rejoined a month later.

At the time of the National Remembrance ceremony in 1964, she expressed that she held the memory of her sons dear and found some consolation in her five married sons, five married daughters, 58 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.



THANK YOU VETERAN!

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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