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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Masse".

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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KOREAN WAR MONUMENT

The Korean Monument in Windsor is located at Dieppe Gardens and was unveiled in May 2009. It was only in September 2003 that the Korean War Memorial in Ottawa was dedicated and I was honoured to attend both with our local veterans.



Brian Masse MP at the local Korean War Memorial and service.

Canadians in Korea

On June 25, 1950 the forces of North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel into the Republic of Korea. This marked the beginning of hostilities which were to rage for three full years and more, throughout that country known to its people as the Land of the Morning Calm. The magnitude of the assault made it clear that this was a full-scale invasion.

This was the first open act of aggression since the establishment of the United Nations Organization and its actions were of great significance for its prestige and credibility – in fact for its very future. The invasion was declared a breach of the peace, and 16 member nations joined forces to resist the aggression.



Troops of the 2nd PPCLI during patrol, March 1951.
Photo: Library and Archives Canada PA-115034

Canada's contribution, exceeded only by that of the United States and Great Britain, demonstrated her willingness to uphold the United Nations ideals and to take up arms in support of peace and freedom. All told, 26,791 Canadians served in the Korean War and approximately 7,000 continued to serve in the theatre between the cease-fire and the end of 1955. The names of 516 Canadian dead are inscribed in the Korea Book of Remembrance.

Canadian participation in these hostilities marked a break with traditional policy. It was the beginning of a new era of involvement in world affairs which saw Canadian troops deployed around the world in truce teams, peace commissions and emergency forces. A new page in Canada's proud military history was written.

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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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