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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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ESSEX COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL

The cenotaph that is the centre of all local Remembrance Day ceremonies is located at University Avenue, north of City Hall. It is a tribute to the men of Essex County who lost their lives during the battles of the First World War. It was originally unveiled on 11 November 1924 at Giles and Ouellette (facing Ouellette) but was moved from that location and rededicated on 11 November 1965, where tributes to the fallen in World War II and the Korean War were added.



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

Women at War

Many Canadian women wanted to play an active role in the war and lobbied the government to form military organizations for women. In 1941–42, the military was forever changed as it created its own women's forces. Women were now able, for the first time in our history, to serve Canada in uniform. More than 50,000 women served in the armed forces during World War II.

- ◆ The Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWACS) had 21,600 members.
- ◆ The Women's Division, Royal Canadian Air Force (WDs) had 17,400 members.
- ◆ The Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (Wrens) had 7,100 members.
- ◆ Women in the services filled many positions, including mechanics, parachute riggers, wireless operators, clerks, and photographers.
- ◆ 4,480 Nursing Sisters (as Canadian military nurses were known) served in the war – 3,656 in the Canadian Women's Army Corps, 481 in the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force and 343 in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. Many of these women found themselves within range of enemy guns and some lost their lives.
- ◆ Nursing Sister Margaret Brooke was awarded the Order of the British Empire for her heroic efforts to save her fellow Nursing Sister Agnes Wilkie after the S.S. *Caribou*, the ferry they were taking to Newfoundland, was torpedoed in the Cabot Strait in 1942. (Source—www.veterans.gc.ca)



Members of the first contingent of C.W.A.C. personnel to enter Germany. 12 June 1945 / Hamm, Germany.
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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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