



"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 the signing of the armistice that ended World War I.

To commemorate this important anniversary, the Royal Canadian Legion has created the Bells of Peace Initiative this year wherein participating churches across Canada will ring their bells starting at sun down on November 11. The bells will toll to remember our veterans and their sacrifices for our peace as we come together to remember the end of the First World War.

World War I saw over 600,000 Canadians enlist with the Canadian Expeditionary Force with approximately 424,000 serving overseas. Almost 61,000 Canadians were killed during the First World War with another 172,000 wounded. Astoundingly, approximately 7% of the Canadian population was in uniform at some point during this War and hundreds of thousands worked on the home-front in support of our troops and the war.

Further, I have included activities on the back page of this mailing that are interactive especially for our youth this year. I hope you all enjoy.

Lastly, everyone is invited and welcome to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony held at the cenotaph in City Hall Square at 11:00 a.m., on Sunday, November 11, 2018. I hope to see you there.

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

Yours truly,

Below you will find a postcard that I hope you will once again fill out for our local veterans. Like last year, I will be delivering these to the local Legions to share your kind messages of thanks with our local heroes. Thank you for participating in this exchange. Just cut out the postcard with your message below and mail to my office postage-free at: **Brian Masse MP House of Commons** Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

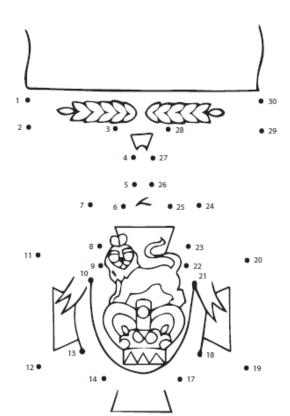
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2018 REMEMBRANCE DAY

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The Victoria Cross

The Victoria Cross was first introduced in the 1850's. It is also known as the V.C. It is the highest award for

bravery a person serving with the Commonwealth forces, including Canadians, could receive during the First World War.

During the First World War, 73 Canadians and Newfoundlanders were awarded the Victoria Cross including a teenager named Thomas Ricketts in October 1918.

It is named the Victoria Cross because it is in the shape of a cross, and was presented by Queen Victoria.

The Victoria Cross was made in London, England, and the metal came from old canons.



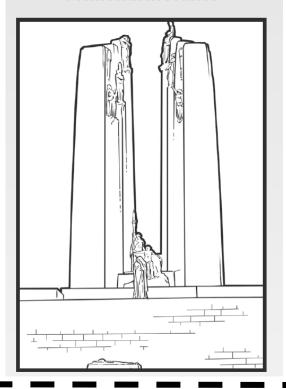
DID YOU KNOW?

Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called "Armistice Day" to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.—on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

From 1921 to 1930, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. In 1931, Alan Neill, Member of Parliament for Comox–Alberni, introduced a bill to observe Armistice Day only on November 11. Passed by the House of Commons, the bill also changed the name to "Remembrance Day". The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931.

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France



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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