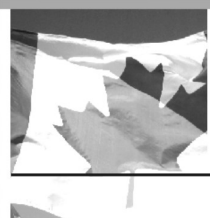


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## Let It Never Be Forgotten

and the Canadians came to answer the call leaving the homeland unthreatened and safe undeniably courageous a strength bestowed with unshakable pride through two world wars and conflicts since liberating for others dreams of freedom unfaltering in conviction let it never be forgotten such sacrifices of blood and spirit

Kevin V. Harvey  
Windsor

Dear Friends,

Veterans' Week, November 5 to 11, is a time for all Canadians to honour the selfless dedication of those who have served in times of war, military conflict and peace. We also honour those who continue to serve our country in Afghanistan and other areas of conflict. These men and women are upholding a noble Canadian tradition by taking an active role in bringing stability and peace to parts of the world that have seen turmoil and upheaval.

During Veterans' Week 2007, Canadians from coast to coast will show pride and gratitude for our Veterans as events and activities take place across the country in their honour.

All Canadians, especially youth, are urged to take an active role in remembrance. There are many ways to get involved. Talk to a Veteran. Visit our cenotaph. Read a book on our Veterans' great sacrifices and achievements. Or, attend the Remembrance Day ceremony. When Canadians participate in commemorative events, we take up the torch of remembrance. As a result, we can rest assured that future generations will continue to commemorate those who helped shape Canada as a nation.

To the left you will see a poem titled "Let It Never Be Forgotten", a reflection about our Veterans and Canada's commitment to the world. It is written by local poet Kevin Harvey from his new book **So Far....** His book includes additional poems about our heroes' actions, and other interesting topics. Email Kevin if you have comments on his poem or want to obtain a copy of his book ([kvh@sympatico.ca](mailto:kvh@sympatico.ca)). Thank you Kevin for sharing your poem with all of us.

Yours truly,

Brian Masse, MP (Windsor West)



War Memorial at  
City Hall Square in Windsor

Celebrate. Honour. Remember. Thank. Teach.

**This November 11, 2007 at Windsor City**

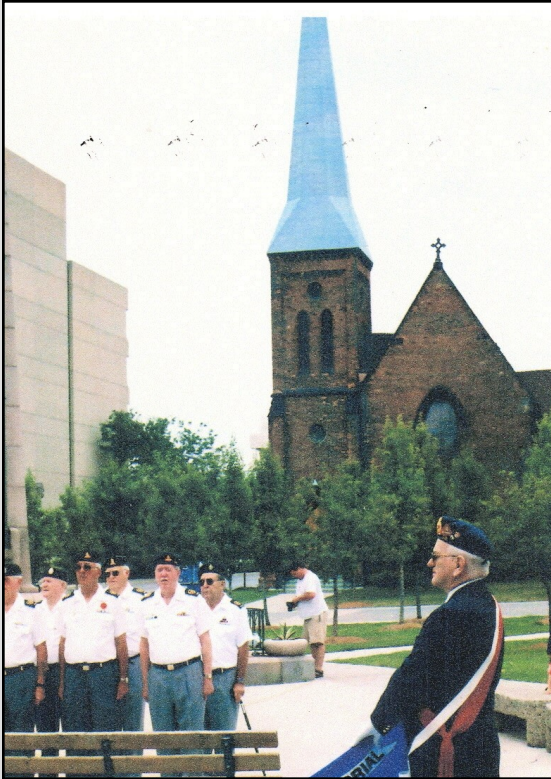
**Hall Square Cenotaph at 11:00a.m.**

**LEST WE FORGET**

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# STORIES FROM OUR LOCAL HEROES



**Roger stands to the right holding the Windsor Veterans memorial Flag at City Hall Square.**

## **Roger DeGuire**

Roger served his tour of duty in the Canadian Army-Royal Service, training from November 1961 through November 1964 at Camp Shilo in Manitoba. His training included a gunnery course in May 1962, which taught trainees to load ammunition and acquire weaponry skills to prepare for combat.

Roger was part of the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick. He also completed his wheel drivers course and a radio operators course. He also learned to direct the fire of battery guns to accurately zero-in on targets.

In September 1963 Roger was transferred to the Surface Missile Battery Camp (S.S.M.) in Shilo, Manitoba, where he learned to load and fire missiles.

Roger's enrollment in the Canadian Army taught him many things including discipline, admiration and respect for his fellow comrades and all people. The time spent in the Canadian Army is a memory that Roger will cherish forever.

Presently he is active with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 578. He also serves as the Sergeant of Arms with the Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee honouring deceased veterans and comrades from Windsor and Essex County with a formal veterans funeral ceremony. The Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee has paid tribute to over 120 veterans and comrades and of these have held formal funeral services for 31 since June 1, 2007. The Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee further honours veterans by placing flags at their grave sites three times each year.

*On the 19th of August 1942  
On the beaches of Dieppe  
Our Canadian cousins  
Marked with their blood  
The road to our final liberation  
Foretelling thus their victorious return  
On September 1st, 1944.*

(Excerpt from the plaque behind the Dieppe-Canada Monument in Dieppe to commemorate the Raid by Canadians).

**Below:** Canadian Airmen who took part in the Raid on Dieppe.  
(National Archives of Canada 08252)



**Above: The Cenotaph at its original location on Ouellette Avenue.**

This postcard depicts Giles Boulevard at Ouellette Avenue, looking east. The Essex County War Memorial Cenotaph, built in honour of WWI veterans, originally faced Ouellette Avenue. In 1965, the monument was dismantled and reassembled at its present location in City Hall Square.

Photograph courtesy The Times Magazine—celebrating Windsor's past, present and future, from the David L. Newman Postcard Collection.