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WINDSOR WEST UPDATE

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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 around the world. 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 2008, Canadians from coast to coast to coast will show pride and gratitude for our Veterans as events and activities take place across the country in their honour.

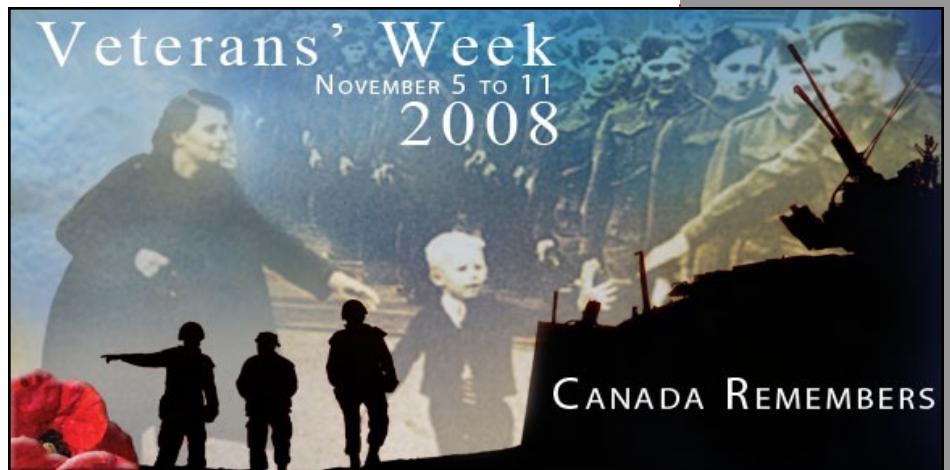
All Canadians, especially youth, are urged to take an active role in remembrance. There are many ways to get involved. Talk to a Veteran. Visit our cenotaph. Read a book on our Veterans' great sacrifices and achievements or attend the Remembrance Day ceremony. When Canadians participate in commemorative 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.

Yours truly,

Brian Masse, MP
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Above: War Memorial at City Hall Square in Windsor.



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Please come out and join our local veterans at Windsor City Hall Square Cenotaph this coming November 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

LEST WE FORGET.

Celebrate. Honour. Remember. Thank. Teach.

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REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

FACTS ON REMEMBRANCE DAY IN CANADA

- ⇒ Remembrance Day commemorates Canadians who died in the First and Second World Wars, and the Korean War.
- ⇒ It is held every November 11.
- ⇒ The first remembrance Day was conducted in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth and was originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of WWI on Monday, November 11, 1918 at 11:00 a.m. - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- ⇒ From 1923 through 1931 Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. Thanksgiving was also celebrated on this day.
- ⇒ In 1931, Allan Neill introduced a bill to hold Armistice Day on the fixed date of November 11. During the bill's introduction, it was decided that the word "Remembrance" would be used instead of "Armistice." The bill passed and Remembrance Day was first conducted on November 11, 1931. Thanksgiving was moved to October 12 that year.
- ⇒ The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to raise money for Canada's Veterans.



RIGHT: Windsor Veterans at the Unveiling and Dedication of the National Korean War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario.

REMEMBERING THE KOREAN WAR

- North Korea's invasion of South Korea marked the first open act of aggression since the establishment of the United Nations;
- More than 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War;
- The Royal Canadian Navy was the first branch of the Canadian Forces to provide aid to the UN Forces in Korea;
- More than 516 Canadians lost their lives during the Korean War—378 of whom are buried at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery at Tanggok, a suburb of Pusan.