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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 LOCAL HEROES

EARL SCOFIELD

Royal Canadian Air Force— Air Gunner in a Halifax Bomber

Earl Scofield was in the Reserve Army in 1943 when he was just 16 years old. From 1944-1945 he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) for active duty when he was 18 years old.

Earl was an Air Gunner in a 4-engine Halifax Bomber, where he completed 17 missions in Germany.

He was in the 415 Squadron East Moore Yorkshire in the 6th Group.

On discharge Earl was ranked as a Flight Sergeant Air Gunner in 1945.

A memorable moment for Earl was when he crashed his bomber at the far end of the air station into the woods and was thrown out of the tail turret, when he landed his boots were no longer on and from that day onward he was nicknamed “Boots”.

Earl Scofield has lived in Windsor since 1950 and is a retired from Chrysler Canada in 1982. Earl has been married 4 times and has 4 children, 4 grand children and 3 great grand children. He is also an aboriginal senator.



Above: Earl Scofield proudly wears his military medals and decorations.

Aboriginals and the Canadian Military

Canada’s aboriginal peoples have been fighting for this country on the front line in every major battle going back as far as 1812. Then, the great warrior Tecumseh led the Six Nations in alliance with the Canadians and British against the Americans in the War of 1812.

It was first during the South African War, or the Boer War, that the First Nations peoples enlisted as private soldiers in the military forces of Canada for the first time. They fought as Canadian soldiers, shoulder to shoulder with Britain and its’ allies.

This tradition of military service continued into the 20th century. Although figures are hard to pinpoint, it is estimated that more than 7,000 First Nations people served in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War and an unknown number of Inuit , Métis and other native peoples also participated.