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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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CANADIAN VIETNAM VETERANS

Located at Patricia Road and Riverside Drive, this is the only memorial in Canada recognizing the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers who fought under the United States flag.



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

The North Wall

Located in Assumption Park, in Windsor, Ontario, is a memorial known as "The North Wall". Facing the Detroit River, the wall honours the 103 Canadians who were killed in Vietnam, as well as the 7 who are missing in action. The monument is made of black granite, and measures eleven feet tall by fourteen feet wide. The wall was the work of three American Vietnam veterans from Michigan, who wanted to honour the Canadians who fought alongside them.

Up until 2005, the federal government of Canada refused to recognize the service of our Vietnam veterans. In 1995, the fund raising for the wall was accomplished by the veterans from Michigan, who felt their Canadian brothers should be honoured. The city of Windsor, and the mayor at the time, were in full support of the project.

At the base of the memorial, there is an enshrined Purple Heart, which belonged to Corporal Larry Semeniuk, of Windsor, who served with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne. The inscription below the Purple Heart reads:

"Here within this memorial is a symbol that America's first President George Washington Fostered. 'The Purple Heart Medal.' Whether they wore the Maple Leaf of Canada or the Stars and Stripes of the United States, these memorialized veterans are heroes believing that freedom knows no borders, and must be defended whenever it is challenged." (Source: Canadian Military Website—Vietnam)

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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