

Brian MASSE

M.P. Windsor West



WINDSOR WEST UPDATE

November 2007

CONTACT US!

COMMUNITY OFFICE
PLAZA 300, UNIT 336
300 TECUMSEH RD E
WINDSOR, ON
N8X 5E8
P 255-1631
F 255-7913

PARLIAMENTARY
OFFICE
RM 701
JUSTICE BUILDING
HOUSE OF COMMONS
OTTAWA, ON
K1A 0A6
P 613-996-1541
F 613-992-5397



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). 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

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

Celebrate. Honour. Remember. Thank. Teach.

This November 11, 2007 at Windsor City

Hall Square Cenotaph at 11:00a.m.

LEST WE FORGET

Masse.b@parl.gc.ca

www.brianmasse.ca

STORIES FROM OUR LOCAL HEROES

Margaret Jobin (nee Tobin)

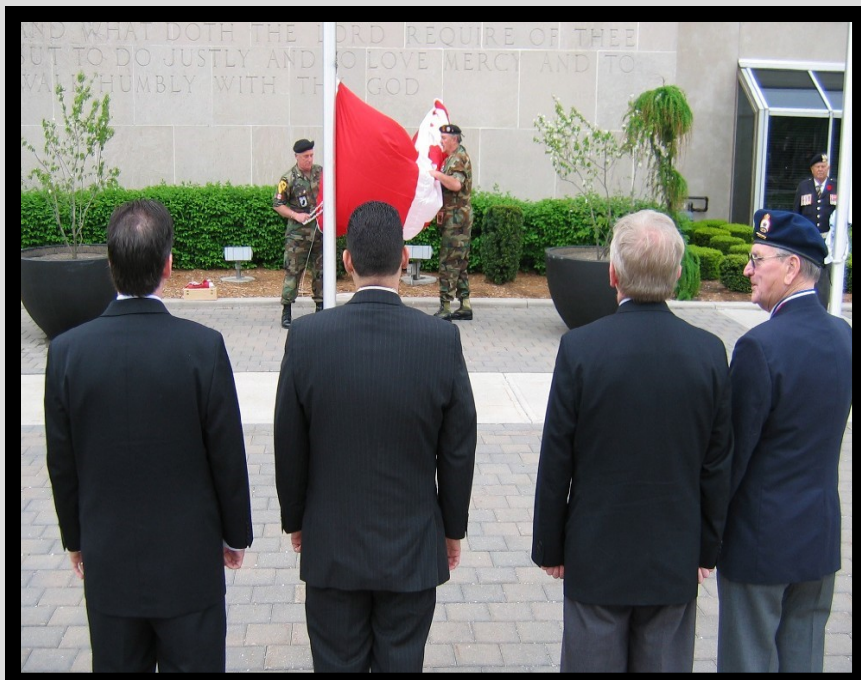
Margaret enlisted to the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Windsor June 11th, 1943, from there she went to London where she was sworn in on June 29th, 1943. Margaret went to basic training in Kitchener, Ontario and after a Clerks Course and Stenographer Course she was stationed in Ottawa at the Kildare Barracks. Margaret was assigned as a stenographer to foreign publications in the Russian Section D.M.T.5.



She was one of two members from the Canadian Women's Army Corps and 17 French speaking civilian women working for four male officers. Margaret and her colleagues processed the battles that took place throughout Poland, Finland and into Norway by the Russian Army who were allies and saved those countries from falling to the Germans.

Two highlights that Margaret recalls while serving in the Canadian Women's Army Corps was being invited to a Tea in Ottawa with the then Princess Juliana from Holland, who was in Canada to give birth to her third child while in a safe Country. The second memorable occasion was attending Parliament Hill to see President Roosevelt.

Margaret's time spent in the Army was very rewarding and to this day she has many fond memories and has forged many wonderful friendships with those she served with.



Brian Masse MP, Mayor Eddie Francis, Joe Comartin MP, and Larry Costello watching the raising of the flag at the Windsor VE Day

Women at War

During the Second World War, the role of women changed significantly in Canadian society. Canada relied on women to assist and support the war effort, to work at jobs traditionally held by men, and to serve in the military.

Canadian women embraced their new roles and played an active role in the war. In 1941-1942, the military created its own women forces. Women were now for the first time in history, to serve in uniform.

More than 50,000 women served in the armed forces during the Second World War.