

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Remembrance Day is a public and Federal Statutory holiday of remembrance honouring the women and men who have and continue to serve our country in times of war, conflict and peace. It is observed on Nov. 11 to recall the end of hostilities of World War I. Each year, from November 05 to 11, ceremonies and events take place across Canada to commemorate Veterans' Week. There are so many ways to remember

and honour Veterans and commit ourselves to peace:

 $\diamond \, \text{Wear a poppy}$

 \diamond Observe a moment of Silence at 11:00 am

◊ Plant your own Garden of Remembrance

Thank a Veteran by sending a <u>postcard for peace</u>
Attend your local Remembrance Day ceremony:

November 11, 2023 Services SCARBOROUGH War Memorial 10:45 a.m. – 2190 Kingston Rd

TORONTO OLD CITY HALL - CENOTAPH 10:45 a.m. - 60 Queen Street West (at Bay St) There will be a livestream available on the City of Toronto YouTube Channel.

Click here for more Information.

REMEMBERING those who gave their lives to ensure the freedom of Canada.

BEING IN SOLIDARITY with victims of war especially women and children.

COMMITTING OURSELVES to be builders of peace by living lives of PEACE.

POEM TO COMMEMORATE NOV. 11

The red poppy has become a familiar emblem with the poem "In Flanders Fields". These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders (Belgium) in World War I. Their brilliant red colour is a symbol of the women and men who gave their lives.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly, scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; to you from failing hands we throw

the torch, be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep,

though poppies grow in Flanders fields."

-John McCrae

