



National
Remembrance Day
Ceremony

11 November 2017, Ottawa, Canada



Order of Service

"O CANADA"

"LAST POST"

FIRST GUN

THE SILENCE

SECOND GUN

"LAMENT"

"ROUSE"

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

21-GUN SALUTE

PRAYERS

PLACING OF WREATHS

The People of Canada: Governor General of Canada

The Mothers of Canada: National Silver Cross Mother

The Government of Canada: Prime Minister of Canada

The Parliament of Canada: Speaker of the Senate and
Speaker of the House of Commons

Veterans Affairs Canada: Minister of Veterans Affairs

The Canadian Armed Forces: Chief of the Defence Staff

The Youth of Canada

The Veterans of Canada: Dominion President, The Royal Canadian Legion

Veterans Organizations and The Diplomatic Corps

Associations and Public

BENEDICTION

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

MOVE TO POSITION AT SALUTING BASE

MARCH OFF

VICE REGAL PARTY DEPARTS

DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND SPECIAL GUESTS DEPART

ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS PLACING WREATHS

In Flanders Fields

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.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae



Silver Cross Mother

Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother 2017–2018 Mrs. Diana Abel



Diana Abel was born in Ottawa and later became an avid volunteer and entrepreneur in Western Canada. Having lived in several British Columbia towns and cities, she now resides in

Brampton, ON. She is a current volunteer and board member of a local non-profit organization called the Perpetual Bazaar, a consignment store selling items made by area seniors.

In previous years, Diana worked with the local Catholic Church in Comox, B.C. and served on the Catholic Women's League. She also ran dressmaking and craft businesses and oversaw large craft shows in Sidney, B.C.

Diana moved to Brampton to be closer to her daughter Laura and three grandchildren with whom she spends a lot of time visiting and traveling. Her husband David C. Abel passed away in 2005 after they had raised their two children together. David spent 12 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force before becoming a teacher and then working for the Ministry of Education in B.C.

With her father, husband and son all having spent time in the Armed Forces, and her two grandsons who are current and past members of cadet squadrons, Mrs. Abel's family has a significant history of military service.

In the wake of her son Michael's passing, Diana has taken part in wreath-laying ceremonies in both Sidney and Brampton and is a member of the Bramalea Legion, Branch 609.

Corporal Michael David Abel

Corporal Abel was an infantryman and member of the Canadian Airborne Regiment based in Petawawa, ON.

Born on December 10, 1965 in Comox, British Columbia, Michael joined the Canadian Armed Forces in Vancouver in 1985. He began his service as an Air Cadet, and then was part of the Army Reserves. He graduated top candidate during Basic Training in Gagetown, New Brunswick.

Corporal Abel died on May 3, 1993 during Operation Deliverance in Belet Huen, Somalia. Well-respected by his fellow comrades, they chose to honour him by naming a "Jump Zone Abel" at the Gjoa Haven airfield, on King William Island, Nunavut. In 1993 they also named their base in Bosnia, "Base Abel."

In life, Michael had a passion for car repair, motorcycles, travel and family.

Michael took his last jump when his ashes were dropped from a plane over Forbidden Plateau in Comox, British Columbia. The significant and symbolic gesture was made by 407 Squadron, Comox, his father's old squadron.

A living tree and plaque in Michael's name are found in the National Military Cemetery, at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.

Poster *and* Literary Contests



Hye In (Grace) Park
Langley, BC
Walnut Grove Secondary School
Langley Br. #21
Colour Poster · Senior
First Place 2017

Keyu Chen
Vancouver, BC
Lord Byng Secondary
West Point Grey Br. #142
Black & White Poster · Senior
First Place 2017



Self-expression and creativity through words and art allow young people of all ages to learn about the various facets of Remembrance and to explore and share their thoughts and feelings. Contestants are challenged to exercise their creativity and submit a poster or to write an essay or poem on Remembrance.

The first prize winners in the Senior Categories are invited to Ottawa, as guests of The Royal Canadian Legion, to represent Canada's youth by placing a wreath at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Megan Miller

Moncton, NB • Bernice M^{rs} Naughton HS • Moncton Br. #6

Essay • Senior • First Place 2017

Why do we wear the poppy?

*Why do we wear the poppy?
Why do we spend Nov. 11 attending memorial ceremonies, taking
moments of silence?*

*Historically, Remembrance Day is Nov. 11 because
the Armistice; the day that the horrific battle
of that day we have a moment of silence. The
War came to an end, and so on the 11th min
comes from the poem, "In Flanders Fields."
Colonel John McCrae, who wrote the poem
ers that grew among the battlefields of
But Nov. 11 isn't only about historical
remembering. By remembering, we*

What a poppy brings to mind

*When I pin the red flower above my heart
I think of the meaning it holds
heavy on my chest.
I think of those who volunteered
their futures for their country
All of them with different motivations,
but all with one goal and purpose.
I think about sacrifice, about
humanity and the loss of it.*

Beth Kirby

Cornwall, PE • Bluefield HS • Kingston Br. #30

Poem • Senior • First Place 2017

Outstanding Cadets

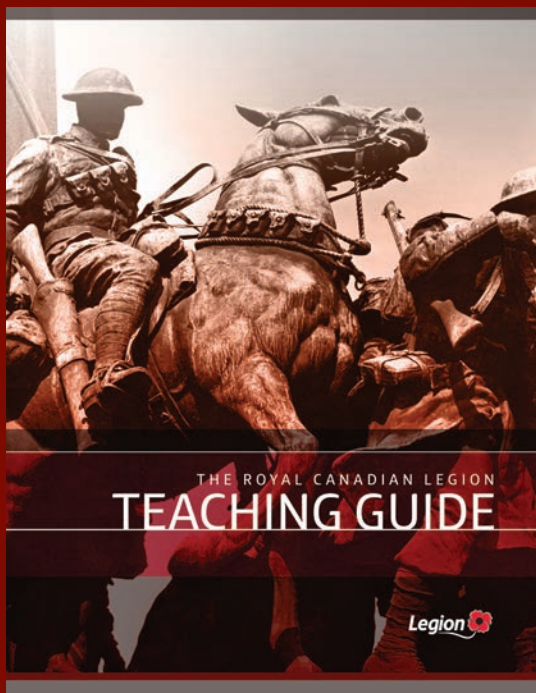
The Legion supports the cadet movement in Canada to promote leadership, fitness and the spirit of patriotism by sponsoring hundreds of cadet corps and scouting or guiding organizations across the country. One outstanding cadet from each of the Cadet Leagues is invited to Ottawa, as guests of The Royal Canadian Legion, to represent Canada's cadet units at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Madelyn Drover (Sea Cadet) Portugal Cove—St. Philip's, NL

Cadet Chief Warrant Officer Clarissa Stoffelsen (Army Cadet) Sexsmith, AB

Warrant Officer 2nd Class Andrew Crawford (Air Cadet), Surrey, BC

Legion Teaching Guide



The Legion Teaching Guide:

- assists primary and secondary school teachers impart valuable information
- fosters the tradition of Remembrance amongst Canadian youth
- includes notes on Canadian Military and Legion History, important Canadian symbols, Remembrance themes, songs and poems
- explains the annual Poppy Campaign, Poster & Literary Contests and Remembrance activities
- ***Interacts with websites and multi-media***

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