

There is something about the month of November; a certain melancholy about colours gone and the cold of winter on our doorsteps. But there is also a certain solemnity to this month during which we all stop to commemorate the sacrifices that Canadians made in armed conflicts. On the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918”, an Armistice (truce) was signed between Allies of WW1 and Germany.

Young or old, men or women, nobody remains indifferent on Remembrance Day. We each have our personal connection to this Day. We each have our own stories that we heard from a parent, a friend or a neighbour who was there or knew somebody who was.

Year after year, veterans remember the battle fields: the overwhelming emotions of the battle; the sounds of fallen comrades. Each year, we attempt to make sure their courage and their determination to defend our country is not forgotten.

On November 11, I will ask all Lions to show their respect for the fallen and those who were lucky enough to come back home. Show your support to our men and women in the armed forces who at this moment are defending our ideals, or peace and democracy in foreign countries.

“How Will You Remember?” As Remembrance Day Ceremonies are held in communities across the Nation, take the time to remember. In our Lion communities, wreaths will be placed at Cenotaph during these ceremonies; I ask that you attend one. For those of us that have downed the uniform it means a lot. It is our duty as Canadians to teach our children and grandchildren that this beautiful country they live in was built by those unsung heroes. After all, they are the ones who will pass along the memories and make sure we always remember.

**Lest We Forget...**