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The Remembrance Day ceremony at Kars and North Gower on November 4th went smoothly on a nice sunny day. *Rev. Carolyn Seabrook* of the North Gower Anglican Church and *Rev. Grant MacNeil* of Kars Anglican Church said prayers and benedictions. The Master of Ceremonies was **Dr. Dennis Osmond**. **Roy Blair** was Sgt-at-Arms and Wreath announcer. The cadets lowered the flags. Refreshments were served compliments of the Anglican Churches. The Remembrance Day Ceremony in Manotick on November 11th was well attended on a cold but sunny day. Our Master of Ceremonies was **Jean Lanouette** who also said the prayer in both languages and lead the ceremony. **Sylvia McDonald** sang both the American and Canadian Anthems. **Gary Ambrose** from the Strathcona Legion filled in as Sgt-at-Arms and Grand Parade Commander. The parade route had many onlookers and a pipe cadet marching band led the way, followed by the colour party made up of four Legion members and representation from military branches including one American navy branch for a total of eight. Some senior veterans were transported by a float kindly provided by to **Pat Smead**. The float was followed by **Major Mark Phillips** leading Legion members and followed by various branches of the military, City First Responders, police, firefighters, and RCMP were also represented. **Roy Blair** did the wreath announcements and the cadets assisted in the placement of the wreaths under the direction of **Chris Bradford**. The official cenotaph ceremony was highlighted by the bugler *Kazimier Samujlo* of the Manotick Brass. Also to be noted was the sounding of the artillery cannon as per official requirements. The ceremony at the cenotaph ended with the marching of soldiers, veterans and community members to the Legion and the salute from **Dr. Dennis Osmond**, the reviewing officer, marking the end of the parade. **Kim Sova** and her team provided refreshments, provided by many Legion members, at the Legion for a large crowd. Thanks to **Greg Newton**, the official photographer. As was done last year onlookers were asked to place their poppies on the wreath next to the sculpture of a veteran in Remembrance Park. Thanks to all the members and volunteers who have given their time during this Remembrance week to remind us all of the reason we honour those who gave so much so that we can live in peace. *WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.*

Respectfully,
Shirley Spinks Poppy Chair



Photo by **Margery Toner-Haan**

Allan Haan beside the poppy board after the Manotick ceremony

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*



From the poem
"For The Fallen" by
Robert Laurence
Binyon (1869-1943)

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November 11. The parade at Manotick forms up and departs the Legion.



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November 11. The parade at Manotick departs the Legion on its way to the Cenotaph.



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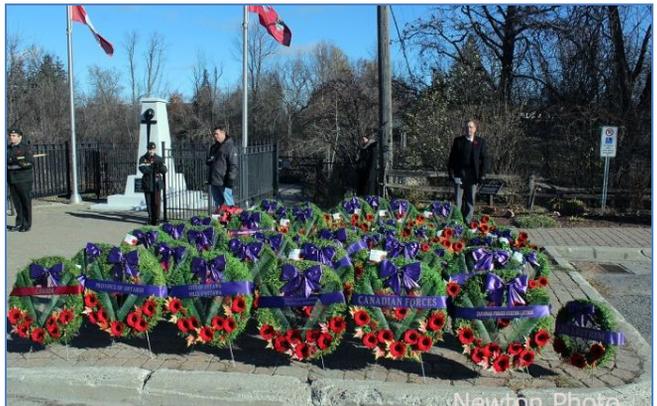
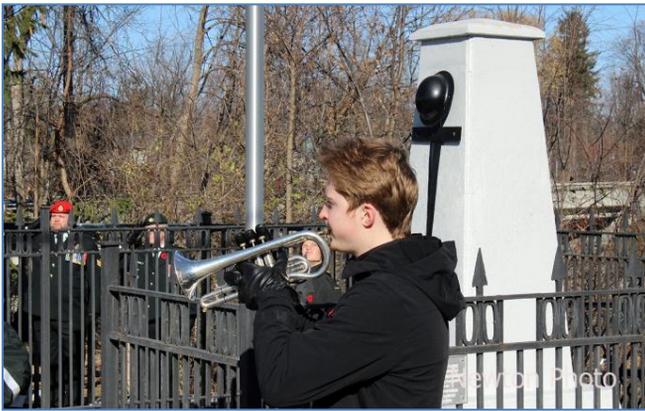


Photo by *Sherry Phillips*

November 11. The ceremony at Manotick Remembrance Park.

Jean Lanouette did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, together with **Roy Blair**. Cadets from the 2958 RCAC Corps assisted in the laying of the wreaths. The piper was *Scott Cameron* and the bugler was *Kazimier Samujlo*.

Photos by **Greg Newton**



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November 11. Spectators at Manotick Remembrance Park.

Photos by Greg Newton



November 11. The parade returns to the Manotick Legion.

Veteran Dr. Dennis Osmond takes the salute.



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November 11. The reception at the Manotick Legion.

Photos by **Greg Newton**

The procession into the hall led by piper *Scott Cameron*



Ceremonial cutting of the cake by Dr. **Dennis Osmond**



The Legion hospitality team. L-R **Jo Dozois, Irene Mayer, Chris Rodgers** and organizer **Kim Sova**



Chris Bradford, who assisted the cadets with the wreaths during the ceremony, and his grandson *Curtis Valentine*. Our future.



Two brothers, *Caleb* and *Noah* saved their pennies and on November 11 one brother placed them into the jar for homeless veterans. Our future. Photo by **Cathy Spitzig**

Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park (Hwy 416 & Rideau River Rd) Saturday November 3



Ceremony at the
Kars Cenotaph
Sunday, November 4



Ceremony at the North Gower Cenotaph
Sunday, November 4

2017 photos by Margery Toner-Haan



November 15 with
St. Leonard School.

On November 15th students from St. Leonard school, with their teacher *Mr. Vespo*, visited the Legion to present postcards they had made for veterans for Remembrance Day. They had a tour of the branch by Comrade *Roy Blair*. The postcards were later taken to the Rideau Perley Veterans Health Centre and distributed to the veterans. Photo by *Margery Toner-Haan*



Bell ringing sunset ceremony November 11

At our Manotick Remembrance Park, on the evening of November 11th, members of the Legion and the public gathered for the ceremony of the ringing of the Bells of Peace led by **Allan Haan**. The following are the words of **Dr. Dennis Osmond**.

*As the sun sets on this day of Remembrance,
November eleventh, twenty eighteen,
We hear the village bells sounding one hundred times
To mark the one hundred years that have passed
Since the end of World War I, The "Great War".
We meet to honour
All those who served
In that brutal conflict.*

*We remember the many thousands
Who came from Canada,
From coast to coast to coast,
And who gave so much,
In the cause of freedom
For the peoples of the World.
They represented our country.
They made us all proud.*

*They showed the World,
What stuff we are made of.
They forged our place,
Among the nations of the world,
Beginning a new chapter,
In the history of our land.
At the going down of the sun,
We remember them.*

Did you know?

How Canadians were Influential in Ending WWI

Excerpts from an article by *J.L. Granatstein*

Triggered by entrenched imperialist nationalism across Europe, treaties that assured mutually defensive alliances and, ultimately, the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, the war pitted the Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy against the Triple Entente of Great Britain, France and Russia. And Canada was in it from the start. Canada had no army to speak of when Britain declared war on Germany on August 4, 1914. As the Canadian commitment grew in size, so did its laurels. The force of two, then three and finally four divisions fought on the Somme in 1916, captured Vimy Ridge, Hill 70 and Passchendaele in 1917, and then, recognized by all as a corps d'elite, fought through the Hundred Days campaign that won the war. Until the very end of the war, the majority of the Canadian Corps was made up of men who had been born in Britain and had immigrated to Canada. But by the late 1918, Sir Arthur Currie's, commander of the First Division of the Canadian Corps, four divisions were commanded by Canadian officer and all but the most senior staff officers were Canadian. Brigade and battalion commanders were almost all Canadian as were the officers serving under them. The Canadian Corps' superb battlefield record had a powerful Canadianizing influence – wherever they had been born, the soldiers knew they were first rate and knew they were Canadians. The Canadian Corps was primed and ready for its greatest victories starting with Amiens on August 8. By November 9 German envoys were talking to Marshall Ferdinand Foch, Commander and Chief of Allied Forces, suing for terms. They signed the Armistice early on the morning of November 11, by which time the Canadians had liberated Mons, At 11 am. the guns fell silent. The war tragedies seemed unending. The Spanish flu pandemic sickened tens of thousands and killed many. Family and friends at home also succumbed. Canada had played its full part and more, its citizen soldiers transformed into fierce instruments of war. Their victories were legion; casualties enormous: more than 66,000 dead and almost 174,000 wounded. The last 100 days was costly with 45,000 casualties occurring in just over three months of bitter fighting. Commander Currie's Canadian Corps deserves its high place in our Nation's history. Let us always remember the sacrifices made so we could be free. Make an effort to pass the importance of Remembrance Day to future generations. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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