THE BRANDON LEGIONNAIRE



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Youth Remembrance Contest

Fostering Remembrance is a part of everything we do. Through The Royal Canadian Legion's longstanding annual Poster and Literary Contests, Canadian school children honour Canada's Veterans through creative art and writing, and help perpetuate Remembrance.

















Collage of Legion 2020 Poster Winners

https://legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests







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.

Lest We Forget

Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country.

Support Veterans year-round

Become a member of the Legion and support Veterans year-round. You don't have to be a Veteran to join. Any Canadian citizen or citizen of an Allied nation who is 18 years of age or older is welcome to become a member of the Legion.

The Legion gives in many ways, and by joining, you give too.

Join today!

Thank you for supporting Canada's Veterans.



Communities and youth

All across the country, Legion Branches connect to their communities. From service to the country to service to the community, the Legion improves the lives of their fellow citizens, in particular Veterans, seniors and youth.

https://legion.ca/communities-youth

Poster and Literary Contests The contests are divided into four categories:

Senior: Grades 10, 11, 12Intermediate: Grades 7, 8, 9

Junior: Grades 4, 5, 6

• Primary: Grades 1, 2, 3 (Poster Contest only)

The Poster Contest is divided into two categories: colour and black and white. The Literary Contest is divided into two categories: essay and poem. Entries are submitted at the Branch level and winning entries proceed to the provincial and then national level.

Teaching Guide To help Canada's youth educators develop an understanding and appreciation for Remembrance Day, and encourage youth to participate, The Royal Canadian Legion created a teaching guide to assist primary and secondary schools in teaching students about the tradition of Remembrance and our military history.

The guide addresses the following subjects:

- Brief notes on Canadian military history and The Royal Canadian Legion
- Important Canadian symbols
- Remembrance themes in stories, songs and poems
- Information about the annual Poppy campaign and how the money donated is used

Information concerning our National Poster and Literary Contests

 Suggested school Remembrance activities
 In addition to the information available in the guide, your local branch of The Royal Canadian Legion can be of assistance, offering support in organizing ceremonies, and sharing their experiences. Find your local Branch. Download the Teaching Guide



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POPPY TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION

The Poppy Campaign is organized and run by local Legion volunteers at over 1400 branches across Canada and abroad. Poppy Funds are held in trust at every level of the Legion and the use of these trust funds are strictly controlled, with appropriate approval processes. Branch executives are accountable for Poppy Fund expenditures and are required to inform the public through local media of the results of their campaign, including contributions received and disposition of funds.

To Volunteer for the Brandon Branch #3—
2020 Poppy Campaign please call Brandon
Legion Office at 204-728-5026 & Lounge to leave
a message regarding the upcoming campaign or
email Office.Admin@rclbrandon003.com

October, 2020

Dear Legion Members,

As a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, you are a vital part of the Legion organization. And "thank you" for annually purchasing a Legion membership and for volunteering each year at the Poppy Campaign. And, in this year of Covid-19 challenges, it is still important that Legion members continue:

Promoting Remembrance is part of The Royal Canadian Legion's mission and has been one of our principal objectives since our inception. The Legion inspires Canadians to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and to honour those who served and continue to serve today. Remembrance is a year-long commitment and we endeavour to promote it through a number of programs, services and resources.

Volunteering for the 2020 Poppy Campaign is going to be different, as is everything we have been doing since Covid-19 invaded our world in March 2020. Here is some information relating to the upcoming campaign...

- The 2020 Poppy Campaign begins with the offering of Poppies on Friday October 30, 2020 and ends on November 11, 2020.
- This year, the annual Saturday following the last Friday in October—Cadet Tag Day conducted from our Branch banquet hall has been cancelled.
- The businesses who have always supported "people who poppy" within their premises are being contacted for direction.
- Both the local cadet corps and the taggers within business have always been an excellent means of offering poppies to the public.
- The Poppy business routes are under construction. And to all those volunteers who faithfully carry out their duties of delivering / picking up poppy boxes to a wide range of Brandon businesses will be contacted in the near future with an update on this years campaign.

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- The approval of distribution of Poppy Funds for 2020 has taken place at the first level—the local Poppy Committee. Since our Provincial Command have placed General Meeting on hold until further notice we have been required to move the approval of Poppy Trust Funds to the responsibility of the Branch Executive Committee; and has been placed on the agenda for next meeting on October 13, 2020. They will then be sent to NW/Manitoba Provincial Command for final approval and the ultimate release of 2019 Poppy funds.
- The Poppy Committee members will be working together and will come up with some viable plans for making "poppies" available to the public and at the same time keeping everyone safe. A phone campaign is under discussion. Please check for updates or leave message for a call back at:

Check Legion website at https://www.brandonlegion.ca/

Or email at: Office.Admin@rclbrandon003.com

Or Branch telephone at—204-728-5026 then **Press 2 for Lounge**.

• Branch #3 Legion Lounge is OPEN!

Temporary Lounge Hours (as of October 10, 2020) are:

3:00 to 9:00 pm— Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

4:00 to 11:00pm—Thursday

Laureen, Legion lounge staff member will be pleased to assist you with membership dues, general questions you may have or questions regarding the Poppy Campaign she will record your contact number and forward to the Poppy committee.

Branch President Cindy Stumme and Executive Committee are asking for your understanding and patience; since, the Branch office remains closed at this time and opening is dependant on the success of the recent re-opening of the Branch Lounge.

This year may be different in many ways but the **Poppy** will remain forever as the Legion's true symbol of Remembrance.

Sincerely,

Poppy Committee team members Colleen Gammack & Linda Wakefield-Co-chairpersons; Cindy Stumme-Branch President, ; Ray Burgess, Richard McDonald, Murray Tallant, Bill Spring, Laura & Mel Hyrich, Marg Melnyk, and Pat Simmons.

We are all looking forward to working together with everyone and in doing so we can all be confident of another successful Poppy Campaign.

The Poppy Campaign

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund.



https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy/history-of-the-poppy

History of the Poppy

Each November, Poppies bloom on the lapels and collars of millions of Canadians. The significance of the Poppy can be traced back to the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th century, over 110 years before being adopted in Canada. Records from that time indicate how thick Poppies grew over the graves of soldiers in the area of Flanders, France. Fields that had been barren before battle exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended. During the tremendous bombardments of the war, the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, allowing the "popaver rhoeas" to thrive. When the war ended, the lime was quickly absorbed and the Poppy began to disappear again.

The person who first introduced the Poppy to Canada and the Commonwealth was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War. John McCrae penned the Poem "In Flanders Fields" on a scrap of paper in May, 1915 on the day following the death of a fellow soldier. Little did he know then that those 13 lines would become enshrined in the hearts and minds of all who would wear them. McCrae's poem was published in *Punch Magazine* in December of that same year, and the poem later served as inspiration three years later for Moina Michael, an American teacher. Moina Michael made a pledge to always wear a Poppy as a sign of Remembrance.



During a visit to the United States in 1920, a French woman named Madame Guerin learned of the custom. Madame Guerin decided to make and sell poppies to raise money for children in war-torn areas of France. The Great War Veteran's Association in Canada (our predecessor) officially adopted the poppy as its Flower of Remembrance on July 5, 1921.

Today, the Poppy is worn each year during the Remembrance period to honour Canada's Fallen. The Legion also encourages the wearing of a Poppy for the funeral of a Veteran and for any commemorative event honouring Fallen Veterans. It is not inappropriate to wear a Poppy during other times to commemorate Fallen Veterans and it is an individual choice to do so, as long as it's worn appropriately.

Thanks to the millions of Canadians who wear the Legion's lapel Poppy each November, the little red flower has never died, and the memories of those who fell in battle remain strong.

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.



POPPY Store Purchases Available Branch Lounge

Note to Legion Members the Poppy Catalogue is available to view on line at

https://www.poppystore.ca/ or physically at the Branch

Please order through Brandon Branch #3 in support of YOUR Branch & the local Poppy Fund

Thank You



at this time

MASK MATERIAL: Outside - 100% poly twill 220

Inside - 100% polyester mesh

Made in Canada \$10.00





CAR Poppy \$5.00



200508 - #8 Wrea **\$30.00**

Poppies will be available & may be worn on Friday October 30, 2020 to **November 11, 2020**

Total Poppy Funds distributed in **Brandon from 2018** Campaign \$43,993.42

2019 Poppy Funds to be approved & spent in Brandon October 2020

2020 Poppy Funds to be Collected & held in trust until 2021

Poppies Are Not Free Please make a Donation

