

NOVEMBER 2009

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Norm, Bonnie, Steve, Chris & Randy, Terry, Justin, Alex would like to sincerely thank our families, friends, neighbours and the whole community for their acts of kindness during the loss of our sons & brothers. Your kind expressions of sympathy, loving support, prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food, floral tributes, charitable donations, online tributes and mass offerings helped ease our pain during this tragic time. Thank you to Rev. John Blakley for the beautiful services, the ACW, UCW, WI and all who contributed to the lunch and the abundance of food, Rob Jellett, the City of Ottawa Police and roads depts. for ensuring every ones safety during the services and Kelly Funeral Home for their services and support. We were also deeply touched to see the amount of friends the boys had and for them to share their fond memories with us was heartwarming. Please know that you are always welcome in our homes. The kindness of so many has been comforting and will always be remembered – from the Rivington and Sabean families.



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The United Church Women, Women's Institute and the Anglican Church Women want to sincerely thank everyone for all the endless food donations and workers for both receptions. They had enough to send home with the families.

Several new comers commented over the following weeks that they were so proud to be part of the Navan community that supports the local families through difficult times.

Hats off also to the City of Ottawa such as Councilor Rob Jellett's office, Police, Roads/Traffic departments for their efforts in making things happen on short order to accommodate the enormous number of mourners

that attended the events surrounding the memorials for the two youths.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY – NOVEMBER 11TH

Service will start at 10:50 AM at the Cenotaph in front of the Navan Memorial Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. Come and honour those who gave their lives, over the years in many battles, for our freedom. Participants are asked to be there no later than 10:40 and check with the MC to ensure their details in the program are correct.

The Navan Lions and the Navan Women's Institute will be providing light refreshments upstairs in the Arena Hall following the service.

There will be a display of Espionage (Spy) history, equipment & other paraphernalia in the Hall.

NOTABLES (complements of the Navan Women's Institute)

Family of the Rings

Leo and Betty Gagnon have been throwing horseshoes in their back yard ever since they arrived in Navan in 1960. From early Spring to the first snowfalls they gather with their family and friends in their Gazebo and take turns throwing horseshoes at that iron pole. One year, Leo and his son Dan, won the B-C-D events in the Silver Horseshoe competition in Ottawa. Betty won high single for women too. For a few years, she also organized a Horseshoe Competition at the Navan Fair.

The friendly competition is what keeps the Gagnon family practicing. One year they even built a big tent so that they could play all winter! Another year they started early by putting salt in the pits to melt the snow. The Gagnons are certainly avid players ! A great family tradition!

Sheila Minogue-Calver
Navan Women's Institute

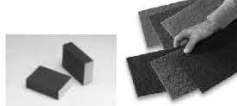



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H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinics - Targeted to residents who need it most

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) will begin providing free pandemic H1N1 flu vaccinations to Ottawa residents who need it most. The province has informed OPH that the City will receive its first shipment of the H1N1 vaccine this week.

As the initial supply from the province will be limited, OPH will focus on providing the vaccine to the following groups of residents:

- People 6 months old to 65-years-old with chronic medical conditions
- Pregnant women (*Pregnant women will also have the option to receive the non-adjuvanted H1N1 vaccine, which is expected to be delivered in mid-November.*)
- Healthy children between 6 months and five years of age
- Health care workers
- Household contacts and care providers of infants younger than six months and people with compromised immune systems

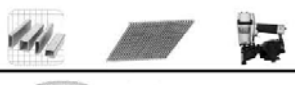
The full list of targeted H1N1 fixed site clinics and other roving clinic sites is available online:

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/conditions/swine_influenza/h1n1_clinics_en.html

H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinics - roving clinic sites in rural Ottawa

Place Sarsfield, 2835 Colonial Road, Sarsfield
November 2: 2:30 - 8:30 p.m.

R.J. Kennedy Community Centre, 1115 Dunning Road, Cumberland **November 14: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Michel Veillette
President

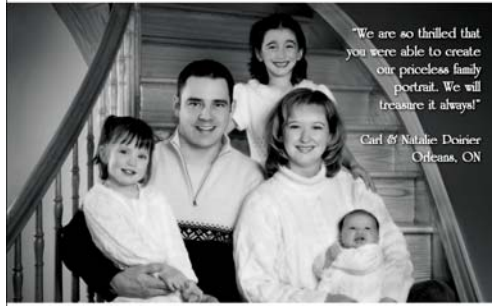
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In addition, all sessions will have \$25 donated to OPP Const. Mike Poirier, who was hit by a drunk driver on September 26th.

Please call **613-884-3355** for more information.

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Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics for Seniors 65+

Ottawa Public Health will also administer the seasonal flu shot to seniors 65+ at community clinics. Seniors may also obtain the seasonal flu shot from their family physician and are encouraged to contact their doctor to inquire about vaccine availability. Please have your Ontario Health Card or Driver's License on hand for our records. For a full list of locations please visit http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/conditions/id_prevention/clinics/flu_en.html

Rural Ottawa Senior Season Flu Shot locations:
Heritage Public School, 1375 Colonial Rd., Navan
November 12: 3:30 to 8:30 pm



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The Thanks You Barn Dance held on October 17th in honour of all our sponsors, countless volunteers and the community which support the CTAS every year for the Navan Fair. DaisyTrain, ByTown Catering and Minor Bantam Jr. Grads Hockey team that did all the work so that all the volunteers and Directors could enjoy the fun, dancing and socializing with over 150 who attended.



The CTAS and the Navan Lions Club are proud sponsors of the Ambassador program at the Navan Fair which helps to develop our youth in leadership and public speaking. At the CTAS Board meeting on October 13th, Lion Ross Bradley and CTAS President Mario St Denis had the honour of presenting the 2009 Ambassador John Edwards with a cheque. John has been an excellent representative for us at many events to date and will be attending the Ontario Fair's convention in Toronto in February to meet all the other Ambassadors and attend numerous workshops. Call the Fair office if you would like him at one of your events.

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The CTAS Board is always looking for people who are interested in becoming part of the Board or committees. We are currently looking for people who are interested in Advertising, Floriculture and youth or senior activities during the Fair. Feel free to call the office if anyone is interested in any area of the Navan Fair. We will be event.

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NAVAN LIONS CLUB
(meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
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The Navan Lions hope to see you all at the Remembrance Day service in Navan at the Cenotaph. Many of our military in the community come to this service so it would give you an opportunity to thank our soldiers of today. Come and enjoy the sandwiches made by your dedicated Lions. The Women's Institute will be bringing the sweets to top it off.

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Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Sore throat	Usually	Sometimes
Runny, stuffy nose	Usually	Sometimes
Cough	Sometimes	Often, and can worsen
Fever, chills	Rarely, maybe low-grade fever up to 38 C (102 F)	Usually, and high temperature over 38 C (102 F)
Headache	Rarely	Usually
Muscle aches	Rarely	Usually, and often severe
Fatigue and weakness	Uncommon	Usually, and persists for 2 to 3 weeks
Nausea	No, but loss of appetite is possible	Usually
Disease severity	Usually milder symptoms and few complications, which may include sinus or ear infections	Higher risk of complications (e.g. pneumonia, hospitalization, death), especially in children, the elderly and people with ear infection or chronic conditions.



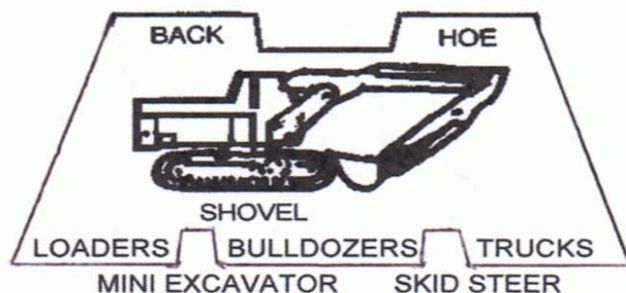
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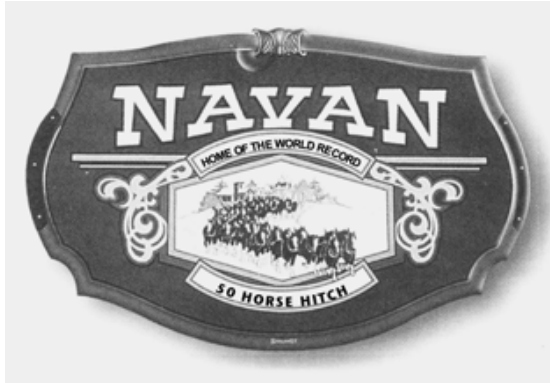
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NAVAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(meets the 3rd Monday of every month
at the Navan Memorial Centre Hall at 7:30 pm)

FALL FEST 2009:

The Fall Fest Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this first time event a great success. With the help of donations, time and effort from different organizations, everyone enjoyed the afternoon. It was fun watching all the children in a tug of war against the firemen! Thank you to the businesses and homes that decorated for this event. The 1st prize went to the Edwards family, the Preschool/CTAS won second prize and the Simpson house a third. There were 12 entries in the chili cook-off and we are hoping for more next year. The pumpkin carving contest was a hit with both an adult and a youth division. Local artisans were on hand to sell some of their products and the baked goods table was a busy place. The firemen and the police department both had safety tips and neat freebies for the children. The Nursery School helped out with a hands-on craft table and the artists that did face-painting were kept busy. All in all, it was a wonderful way to enjoy a fall day and we hope to have a repeat next year on an even greater scale!

We would like to acknowledge the following for their support and donations: All volunteer judges, Steve and Krista Barban, Shirley Browsey, Calver Biologics Consulting, Chilly Chiles, CTAS, Eastway Kennels, the Face Painters, Doreen Hardiman, JT Bradley's, Johnny Canuck's Restaurant-Orleans, Barry Johnston, Knotty Knitters, Navan Community Association, Navan Fire Department, Navan Lions Club, Navan Nursery School, Navan Veterinary Services- Trim Rd. Navan Women's Institute, Ottawa City Police, Personal Achievements- S. Douglas, Tanner Insurance, Juanita and Ray Vetter, Vezina Optical, Anne Warburton, The Works Rest. Thank you! See you next year!

PICTURE GALLERY ON THE BACK PAGE



SNOW GO PROGRAM:

This is a snow removal co-ordination program matching seniors and people with disabilities with individuals and contractors to clear snow and ice from private driveways and walkways.

The matching service is coordinated by local community support agencies. Residents using the program will make payments directly to the individual or contractor who removes the snow. Workers are screened for criminal reference check and cost of services.

This program provides financial assistance to eligible low-income seniors and people with disabilities to pay for a portion of their snow and ice removal costs.

Application Process: The applicant should contact 3-1-1 for further details and to determine the corresponding agency or call the following local community support agency: the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre at 613-741-6025, ext. 239.



HELP WANTED

The NCA is looking for someone to take care of the outdoor rink usually from January to March. There are volunteers to help this year. Some remuneration is also available from the City.

Contact Anne Marie at 613-835-2757



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**NAVAN ROAD RECYCLING YARD ZONING
EXPANSION (OPERATED BY MILLENN
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES)**

Ray Vetter, attended as the representative for the NCA on the Navan Road Recycling Yard which is operated by Millenn Construction Services. The proponent Millenn is asking the city to extend a temporary zoning provision for another three years so it can continue the operation on Navan Road. The Friends of the Mer Bleue made a presentation at the meeting and requested the city not extend the temporary zoning due to concerns they, and other NDC residents, have on the impact this site has on the community. A representative of IBI Group Architects, the company representing Millenn, made a presentation in support of the temporary zoning extension. Councilor Rainer Bloess was the main spokesperson for the city and pending some clarification from the Ministry of the Environment, which authorizes the Certificate of Approval for the site, he appears to be in support of the temporary zoning extension. The application is expected to go before the Planning Committee in late November. The current zoning runs out the 1st week of December. The Zoning By-law Amendment Proposal can be viewed on the web at www.FOMB.ca, once in the site click on the "downloads" lab.

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Nazareth Rocks the Navan Fair

It was Friday August 7th and the Navan Fair was in its second day. So far, the only bad weather was spotty showers late Thursday night. There was a distinct buzz in the air, that something big was about to hit Navan. No, it wasn't a thunder

storm watch ... it was the long awaited and highly anticipated visit of Scottish hard rockers, Nazareth. In their 40th year of existence as a band, Nazareth had agreed to play at our fair. Imagine that.

For those who had previously seen Nazareth in concert and were familiar with their music, their stellar performance was no surprise. However, it seemed most of the crowd had never seen Nazareth live before and they were blown away by the band's 90 minute performance of hit after hit. There were no plugs for a new CD; this was strictly a run through of their best stuff. The addition of several new members to the band in recent years seems to have had a very positive effect on the band's live performances. After the show, the band stuck around and signed autographs and talked to the fans for a short time. A real class act!

Local band Daisy Train opened for Nazareth and entertained the crowd with classic rock covers. Great performance guys/gals. They were big fans of Nazareth so most of them stayed around for the show.

According to Fair Board reports, this crowd was the biggest and thirstiest of any in the past. The beer trough was actually emptied of cold beer at one point, another rare occurrence. In fact, the line ups to get in to the dome area which usually start peaking at 9:30 to 10:00 were jammed up from 7:00 onward. No doubt we must have come close to the official maximum capacity of 5,637.

Thanks to Entertainment Director, Luc Bergeron and his capable volunteers, along with the Security Company and Ottawa Police, the entire night was virtually trouble free. Throughout the four days of the Fair, several members of different bands commented on our friendly demeanor and that snazzy new stage just completed days before the event.

However, the ultimate challenge, after the record breaking success of this night and the following two days, will be how to top it next year. We all know that weather plays a large part but you still need the talent to draw any crowd, rain or shine. I can't wait to hear who Luc will bring our way next year. You can be sure that it will be top notch talent that will pack them in. Thanks to all the other volunteers, board members, neighbours ... not specifically mentioned above. You make it happen! Dale Borys, Treasurer, NCA.

NCA YOUTH DANCE

2009-2010 Dates (7-10:30pm): November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11.

TICKET INFO: The NCA youth dances are for 10-14 year olds. Presale tickets (300 limit) are now available for purchase by the general public for any or all the season's dances. They may be obtained 6:00 – 6:30 pm the Thursday before the dance or after 8:30 pm Friday on the night of the dance in the Navan Arena hall. (Navan residents may also purchase tickets at the NCA monthly meetings.) **GOTO www.navan.on.ca for full details.**

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Playdoh Recipe

2 cups of flour
1 cup of salt
2 tsp oil
4 tsp cream of tartar or alum
2 cups of water
food colouring or jello crystals
Mix ingredients together.
Enjoy with your preschooler

Again this November the Navan Nursery School parents will be participating in the Navan Craft Fair on Saturday November 21 from 10-4. Come and enjoy some wonderful homemade soup or baking. Thanks again to the Navan Crafters for their continued support. For registration information: 613-835-9243 or visit our website

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Earlier this month, Ottawa Rural District 7 Volunteer firefighters held their annual recognition banquet. This involved all firefighters and their better halves from Stations 71 in Navan, 72 Cumberland, 73 Vars and Composite station 53 in Orleans. Among the special guests were Deputy Chief Gordon Mills, General Manager of Emergency and Protective Services, Susan Jones, Councillor Ward 19 Rob Jellett, and from Ottawa Fire Training Division, Phil Muggleton.

The annual banquet is an opportunity to recognize those individuals who dedicate and perform at the highest levels. These firefighters are awarded for their accomplishments with trophies and plaques. The following are the award recipients from Station 71:



*Firefighter of the year for Station 71 Navan:
Recipient **ff Brett Smith***



*Firefighter of the year for the District 7:
Recipient from Navan **Lieutenant Jeff Cotton***



Inaugural District 7 Firefighter Games:
Recipient Station 71 Navan



EPS day games:

Recipient Station 71 Navan ff Glen Scott and ff Patrick Bolduc

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments and the professionalism that these firefighters bring with them. Navan's firefighters in 2009 made themselves the envy of district 7.

Larry M. Roy, Captain

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Pat and Don Lawlor would like to thank all of our children, grandchildren, relations and friends for helping us celebrate a wonderful 50th Wedding Anniversary party.

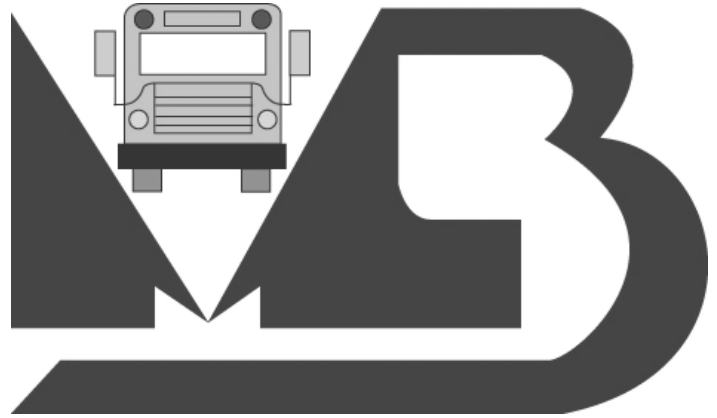
COMPUTER COURSE

Navan Women's Institute and Heritage Public School will be working together to offer computer classes for 8 weeks starting in January 2010. The classes will be from 10:45 to 11 AM probably on a Thursday. If interested please contact Sheila @ 613-835-4296

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Saturday, December 5th, 2009 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Cumberland Farmers' Market Christmas Market, will be taking place indoors at the R.J. Kennedy Community Centre (Cumberland Arena), 1115 Dunning Rd, in Cumberland Village, less than 10 km East of Orleans. For more information visit

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NAVAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - MEETINGS

Our Branch will be meeting in the Lions Den at the Navan Curling Club every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30. Our programme consists of the following speakers.

- **November 11** – Dytha Robillard Dixon – Korean War Remembrances
- **December 9** - Christmas Party - Barbershop Quartet - **St. Mary's Hall**

For more information please contact Sheila @ 613-835-4296. New members are very welcome.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH SALE & TEA

Saturday, November 14, 2009 St. Mary's (Navan) Annual Sale and Tea will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall (1171 Smith Road, Navan). Enjoy afternoon tea! There will be a bake table, jams and jellies, Christmas Treasures, knitting, crafts and silent auction.



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ANNUAL NAVAN ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE - NOV. 21 and 22 - 29th

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day upstairs at the Navan Arena, the Navan Arts and Crafts Group will present a good selection of fine art and top quality crafts. This year will see some exciting new exhibitors as well as exhibitors that buyers return to each year.

There will be a door prize each day of gifts donated by the exhibitors and a donation of any amount will

make a visitor eligible for one of these prizes. The proceeds from these donations will be given to the Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre Christmas Program. To date we have donated over \$14,000.00 to the Resource Centre. As well as the Navan exhibitors raising money for the Resource Centre, the Navan Nursery School and the Guides and Brownies also use this venue for their major fundraising event of the year by providing a light lunch and a wonderful selection of goodies on their bake table, including some very artfully wrapped and decorated ready for gift giving.



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ORLEANS-GLOUCESTER CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, 11 Nov at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd.

Special feature: "Bring and Buy" Fall Fair - Speaker: Linda Jean Coffin "Live your life to the fullest" \$5 – includes refreshments and free babysitting - reservations/cancellations essential. Also, for more info on what to bring, call Shirley: 613-841-5143

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VACATION DRAW TICKET - THE NAVAN CURLING CLUB

John Bradley will be selling Vacation Draw Tickets; this is your chance at 5 draws totalling ten thousand dollars in Vacation Draws to be drawn in March 2010 at the Navan Curling Club. Only 200 tickets are sold so your chances are excellent. For more info call John at 613 282 2734.

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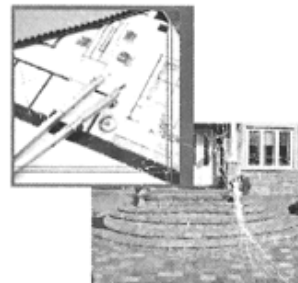
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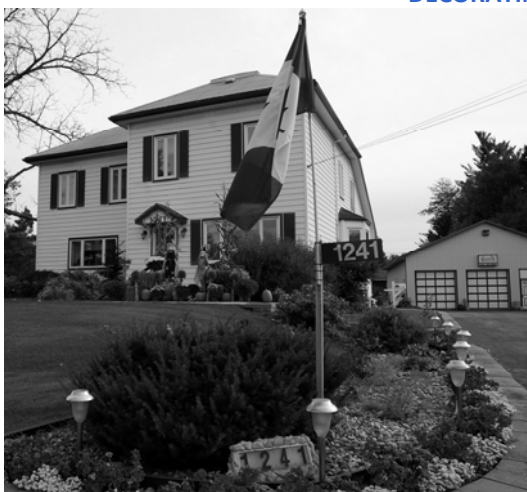
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FALL FEST PHOTO GALLERY



DECORATING WINNERS



Overall Best Pumpkin decorating



Kids games??



Chilly Cook off



Lions cooking lunch



Poppy Facts

- During the Napoleonic Wars, the poppy drew attention as the mysterious flower that bloomed over the graves of fallen soldiers.
- In the 20th Century, the poppy again was widely noticed after soils in France and Belgium became rich in lime from rubble during the First World War. The little red flowers flourished around the graves of the war dead as they had 100 years earlier.
- In 1915, Guelph, Ontario native John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Forces Artillery, recorded this phenomenon in his famous poem *In Flanders Fields*.
- Two days before the Armistice, Moina Michael, an American woman from Athens, Georgia, read the McCrae poem and was inspired to wear a poppy year-round in memory of the war dead.
- In 1920, Madame E. Guérin of France visited the United States and happened to meet Miss Michael at the YMCA at Columbia University, where the latter was a volunteer. Madame Guérin then resolved to sell handmade poppies around Armistice Day to raise money for poor children in the war-torn areas of Europe.
- In 1921, Field-Marshal Earl Haig, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France and Belgium and the principal founder of the British Legion, was sold on Madame Guérin's fundraising idea and approved organization of the British Poppy Day Appeal by the Legion to raise money for poor and disabled veterans.
- The same year, Madame Guérin visited Canada, and convinced the Great War Veterans Association (predecessor to the Royal Canadian Legion) to similarly adopt the poppy as a symbol of remembrance in aid of fundraising.
- Today, the Poppy Campaign is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important programs. The money raised from poppy sales provides direct assistance for ex-service people in financial distress, as well as funding for medical appliances and research, home services, care facilities, and numerous other purposes.