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### Canadians - First World War

By Dave Wight

We have tried to tell the story of the Canadian Corps in WW1 in words and song. The war was a roller coaster of emotions from great pride to absolute horror. From misery to sarcastic humor. Ultimately it changed the world and set the course for the modern world. I have read several accounts of personal stories and overall battles. I am amazed at the resilience of the men of all nationalities on all fronts, in terrible conditions, to soldier on, while the disconnected men at the top refused to believe the world was changing.

But what of the Canadians? What spurred them on? Why did they become the Western allies' best troops?

In the final 100 days of the war, for some reason, they decided enough was enough and if they could end this hell they would try with a grim determination that is unexplainable. I believe the Canadians realized now, next year or whenever it happened, they would lead the final assault on Germany, so let's get it over with. They fought to the end and did not look at the cost, and in driving forward, at the end of the war, these men did indeed make the ultimate sacrifice, by putting themselves in harm's way. It no doubt saved men from many other countries from the continued attrition on all the war's fronts. Ultimately these men, who fought the war to end all wars, are fading in our memory. Let us not forget. Remember the people who have bravely defended our right to freedom. On Nov 11, remember a fallen soldier. Lest we forget.

"I see the lives for which I lay down my life, peaceful, useful, prosperous and happy,

"I see that I hold a sanctuary in their hearts, and in the hearts of their descendants, generations hence.

"It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known." Charles Dickens

### 2018 Bells of Peace Initiative

On November 11, 1918 at 11:00 a.m. – The eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, “the war to end all wars” came to an end. The guns finally fell silent, bringing to a close four long years of unspeakable war.

November 11, 2018 will mark the monumental gathering in France and Belgium on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Great War, the final events which will bring to a close four years of Remembrance and reflection – a centenary that will also no doubt include various events and ceremonies that will take place across Canada.

The Royal Canadian Legion will assist in commemorating this historical 100<sup>th</sup> centenary, through the introduction of a Bells of Peace Initiative to honour through Remembrance, the Armistice of 1918.

The general concept derives from the use of bells as a celebratory announcement that the war had ended. This was common at the end of both WW1 and WW11. The Legion's intent is to have every bell in every community across Canada ring in unison or independently (within each community) 100 times at sunset on November 11th, 2018 to signify the 100th anniversary of the WW1 Armistice.

The plan consists of the following:

- The ringing of the bells 100 times in every community across Canada.
- Start time is sunset on November 11th, 2018. .
- The Bells of Peace celebration will begin by a bagpiper playing on the East coast either in Cape Spear or St. John's and end with a piper playing on Vancouver Island, possibly in Sooke, B.C.

The above initiative was passed and approved by Dominion Executive Council at their D.E.C. meeting of April 29, 2018.

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## November 2018

**Nov 4th, 9 am to 12:30 pm - Sunday Brunch Monthly - Your Plate FULL**

- Adults \$10 includes Age 6-10 \$5, Under 6 free  
 eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, home fries, beans, and so much  
 more, along with all the condiments like tomatoes, jam, coffee, juices, etc.  
*Children welcome, so bring the whole family and enjoy.*

**Saturday Nov 10th - Pub Crawl** Leave Branch at 10:15 am and return 6:30 pm  
 visiting Napanee, Collins Bay Br 631 (lunch can be purchased) and Br. 560 Kingston  
*\$15 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Legion Br. 92 bar*

**Sunday Nov 18th, 1 to 5 pm - Light Lunch and Dance - \$10 per person**  
**Doug Gravell, Terry Hoffman & Tim Hallman**  
**All are Welcome!**

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**LEGION GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13 , 7 PM**

**LADIES AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20 , 7 PM**

### Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 11th

**Gananoque** Parade to start 1045am  
**Ceremony to start at Cenotaph 11am**

All welcome to gather at legion after  
 ceremony for light refreshments  
 and cash bar

### Remembrance Day Ceremony - Nov 11th

**Lansdowne Community Veterans Memorial**  
 11am in front of Thousand Islands Elementary  
 please bring a bell if you have one.

Following ceremony - social time at Lansdowne  
 United Church. Chili and refreshment will be  
 served by the Lansdowne Youth Group

### WEEKLY EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

**Wednesday** - Euchre 1pm

**Thursday** - LA Bingo evening

**Friday** - Fun Darts (register before 7pm)

### UPCOMING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

More info go to [www.rclbranch92.com](http://www.rclbranch92.com)  
 or check sports board at legion

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<b>CRIBBAGE</b>	<b>Seeley's Bay</b>	<b>Nov 3, 2018</b>
<b>DARTS (regular)</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>Nov 24, 2018</b>
<b>8-BALL</b>	<b>Brockville</b>	<b>Dec 12, 2018</b>

### Poster, Essay & Poem Contest

**Theme - REMEMBRANCE**

All Entries will be picked up from Linklater,  
 St Joseph and GISS Friday November 9th

Judging will take place on the 10th and all  
 displayed for the public to view at the Legion  
 after the Remembrance Day Ceremony  
 If you know of any youth being home schooled  
 please let them know to drop off entries Friday  
 at the Branch

For entry forms and information please visit  
[www.rclbranch92.com](http://www.rclbranch92.com) (Youth education)