National Remembrance Day Ceremony
11 November 2017, Ottawa, Canada
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.

Ils ne vieilliront pas comme nous  
Qui leur avons survécu;  
Ils ne connaitront jamais  
L’outrage ni le poids des années.  
Quand viendra l’heure du  
 Crépuscule et celle de l’aurore,  
Nous nous souviendrons d’eux.
Order of Service

“O CANADA”
“LAST POST”
FIRST GUN
THE SILENCE
SECOND GUN
“LAMENT”
“ROUSE”
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
21-GUN SALUTE
PRAYERS
PLACING OF WREATHS

The People of Canada: Governor General of Canada
The Mothers of Canada: National Silver Cross Mother
The Government of Canada: Prime Minister of Canada
The Parliament of Canada: Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Commons
Veterans Affairs Canada: Minister of Veterans Affairs
The Canadian Armed Forces: Chief of the Defence Staff
The Youth of Canada
The Veterans of Canada: Dominion President, The Royal Canadian Legion
Veterans Organizations and The Diplomatic Corps
Associations and Public

BENEDICTION
“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”
MOVE TO POSITION AT SALUTING BASE
MARCH OFF
VICE REGAL PARTY DEPARTS
DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND SPECIAL GUESTS DEPART
ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS PLACING WREATHS

COVER ILLUSTRATION: ABBEY GRACE CLARK
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.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae
Silver Cross Mother
Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother 2017–2018
Mrs. Diana Abel

Diana Abel was born in Ottawa and later became an avid volunteer and entrepreneur in Western Canada. Having lived in several British Columbia towns and cities, she now resides in Brampton, ON. She is a current volunteer and board member of a local non-profit organization called the Perpetual Bazaar, a consignment store selling items made by area seniors.

In previous years, Diana worked with the local Catholic Church in Comox, B.C. and served on the Catholic Women’s League. She also ran dressmaking and craft businesses and oversaw large craft shows in Sidney, B.C.

Diana moved to Brampton to be closer to her daughter Laura and three grandchildren with whom she spends a lot of time visiting and traveling. Her husband David C. Abel passed away in 2005 after they had raised their two children together. David spent 12 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force before becoming a teacher and then working for the Ministry of Education in B.C.

With her father, husband and son all having spent time in the Armed Forces, and her two grandsons who are current and past members of cadet squadrons, Mrs. Abel’s family has a significant history of military service.

In the wake of her son Michael’s passing, Diana has taken part in wreath-laying ceremonies in both Sidney and Brampton and is a member of the Bramalea Legion, Branch 609.

Corporal Michael David Abel

Corporal Abel was an infantryman and member of the Canadian Airborne Regiment based in Petawawa, ON.

Born on December 10, 1965 in Comox, British Columbia, Michael joined the Canadian Armed Forces in Vancouver in 1985. He began his service as an Air Cadet, and then was part of the Army Reserves. He graduated top candidate during Basic Training in Gagetown, New Brunswick.

Corporal Abel died on May 3, 1993 during Operation Deliverance in Belet Huen, Somalia. Well-respected by his fellow comrades, they chose to honour him by naming a “Jump Zone Abel” at the Gjoa Haven airfield, on King William Island, Nunavut. In 1993 they also named their base in Bosnia, “Base Abel.”

In life, Michael had a passion for car repair, motorcycles, travel and family.

Michael took his last jump when his ashes were dropped from a plane over Forbidden Plateau in Comox, British Columbia. The significant and symbolic gesture was made by 407 Squadron, Comox, his father’s old squadron.

A living tree and plaque in Michael’s name are found in the National Military Cemetery, at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.
Self-expression and creativity through words and art allow young people of all ages to learn about the various facets of Remembrance and to explore and share their thoughts and feelings. Contestants are challenged to exercise their creativity and submit a poster or to write an essay or poem on Remembrance.

The first prize winners in the Senior Categories are invited to Ottawa, as guests of The Royal Canadian Legion, to represent Canada’s youth by placing a wreath at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.
The Legion supports the cadet movement in Canada to promote leadership, fitness and the spirit of patriotism by sponsoring hundreds of cadet corps and scouting or guiding organizations across the country. One outstanding cadet from each of the Cadet Leagues is invited to Ottawa, as guests of The Royal Canadian Legion, to represent Canada’s cadet units at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Madelyn Drover (Sea Cadet) Portugal Cove–St. Philip’s, NL
Cadet Chief Warrant Officer Clarissa Stoffelsen (Army Cadet) Sexsmith, AB
Warrant Officer 2nd Class Andrew Crawford (Air Cadet), Surrey, BC
The Legion Teaching Guide:

- assists primary and secondary school teachers impart valuable information
- fosters the tradition of Remembrance amongst Canadian youth
- includes notes on Canadian Military and Legion History, important Canadian symbols, Remembrance themes, songs and poems
- explains the annual Poppy Campaign, Poster & Literary Contests and Remembrance activities
- Interacts with websites and multi-media

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5th Field Company RCE Veterans
Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones
Air Force Association of Canada
Airborne Regiment Association of Canada
Army Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Assembly of First Nations Veterans
Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association
Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping
Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association Inc.
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Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association
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Governor General’s Foot Guards Association
Gulf War Veterans Association of Canada
Hong Kong Veterans Association of Canada
Irish Regiment Veterans Association
NATO Veterans Association
Naval Officers’ Association of Canada
Nursing Sisters’ Association of Canada
RCMP Veterans’ Association
St. John Ambulance
Submariners Association of Canada
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The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Regimental Association
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The Korea Veterans Association of Canada
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The Polish Combatants’ Association Inc.
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