

We must always remember

A recent poll suggests Canadians would like to see fallen soldiers honoured well beyond Remembrance Day.

The poll commissioned by Historica Canada found a vast majority of Canadians would like to see a national monument to soldiers who died in combat in modern times.

About 76 per cent of respondents said they'd like to see a memorial similar to the United States Vietnam Wall, which lists the names of those who died while serving in the military.

We wholeheartedly support honouring those who have paid the ultimate price to defend freedom, especially those who died in modern conflicts.

In Afghanistan, 158 Canadians lost their lives and as the ranks of those who served in Korea and The Second World War dwindle, it's important to remember that another generation of young Canadians fought and died in a warzone between 2002 and 2011.

They live in this very community and came home after doing what their country asked, and just like those who returned 71 years ago, they too bare the scars of war.

We hope no one needs to be reminded of the debt we owe our war veterans. The men and women who served or who continue to serve in our military deserve our gratitude each and every day, not just on Remembrance Day.

When it comes to Remembrance Day observance, there has been a noticeable shift in recent years. And it's an inevitable one.

Fewer and fewer veterans from earlier conflicts such as the Second World War and the Korean War are with us.

Given the passage of time, there is always a risk of the importance of such observances being diluted for the next generation.

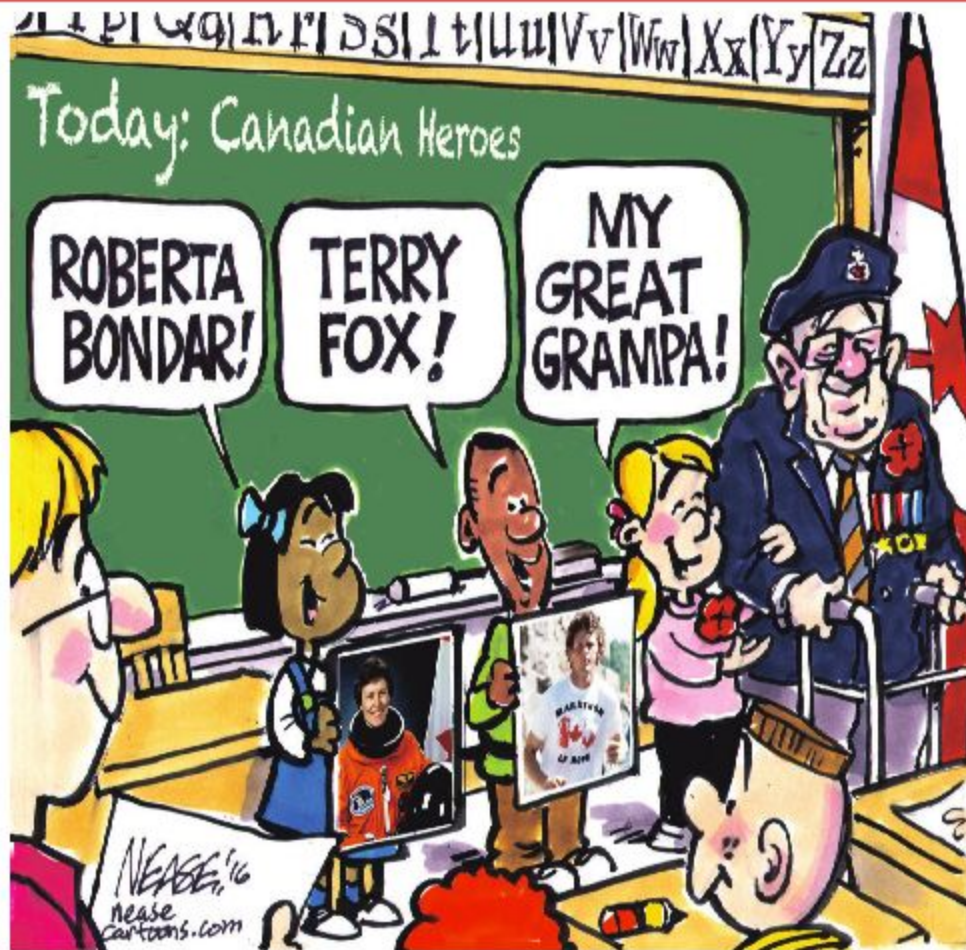
This can't happen. Too much has been sacrificed.

But with the conflict in Afghanistan, in which Canadians played a significant role, we have fresh, contemporary examples of the struggles our veterans endure both during and after they serve.

Lest we forget.

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Letters to the editor

Mayor's efforts appreciated

I would like to commend Mayor Rick Bonnette for recognizing Jacob Calvert for his long-time involvement with The War Amps.

Jacob, a left leg amputee, is a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

On Nov. 2, Mayor Bonnette presented him with a certificate for his long-time involvement with The War Amps and for helping to spread important messages in the community. Jacob has helped spread the PLAYSAFE message by giving presentations and teaching local children to spot the danger before they play.

Jacob is well qualified to do so as he has met children who have lost limbs in accidents that could have been prevented.

He also gives presentations to the public to educate them about The War Amps and life as an amputee.

We are so pleased with Jacob's and local restaurants, play games and well-deserved recognition by the enjoy live music.
 Town of Halton Hills.

Danita Chisholm,
 Executive Director,
 CHAMP Program
 The War Amps

Halton Hills loves its beer

Well Halton Hills, you did it again.

The second-annual Georgetown Craft Beer Festival took place on Sept. 17 at Trafalgar Sports Park, and not even a steady rain could keep you from supporting the event.

The festival sold out again this year, with 5,000 of you attending and bringing your friends and family to sample craft beer and cider from 33 Ontario craft brewers, enjoy tasty treats from food trucks

This festival would not be possible without the help of our many volunteers, who persevered through the rain to deliver another successful event.

We also received outstanding support from our many sponsors including the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Regional Police.

As a result of everyone's effort, so far we have donated \$15,000 to the North Halton Food4Kids program, and recently we donated a bicycle repair station located outside the Georgetown Library.

Every dollar raised at the festival goes back into our community.

On behalf of the four service clubs who organize the event—the Georgetown Lions Club, Kinsmen Club, Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club—we thank everyone for your support.

Until next year—CHEERS.

John Fini,
 Chair, Head For The Hills Committee