



Remembrance Day – Why Do We Need to Remember?

In 1931, the Government of Canada proclaimed that Remembrance Day would be observed on November 11. Every year since then, on this day, we remember; we attend memorial services, wear poppies close to our hearts and bow our heads in silence.

Why do we need to remember? Because we must honour all veterans from all wars and conflicts. By remembering, we pay tribute to the women and men who committed to the effort to create a better country and a better world.

Why do we need to remember? Because as time passes between conflicts and veterans pass away, the distance grows, and memories may dim. Many people only conceive of war as a complex, someplace-over-there notion presented to them on an electronic screen – and an argument could be made that they are fortunate, indeed.

Why must we remember? Because remembering means we recognize the sacrifices and know how high a price was paid for peace.

Why do we need to remember? Because those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

We dare not ever forget.

Quote

“Lest we forget –such a short phrase, but three very powerful words. On Remembrance Day, we take the opportunity to recognize all of the men and women who showed incredible courage in the face of great danger. By recognizing their courage and remembering how much we needed them – and continue to need them – we show respect. The sacrifices were – and are – very real and a debt we can never repay. In remembering, we honour them.”

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