

No Stone Left Alone

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 remembrance - so that they could truly understand and connect with the sacrifices made to give all of us the peace and freedoms we enjoy today, and carry that connection forward with them through their lives. No Stone Left Alone was officially launched in 2011 to help ensure

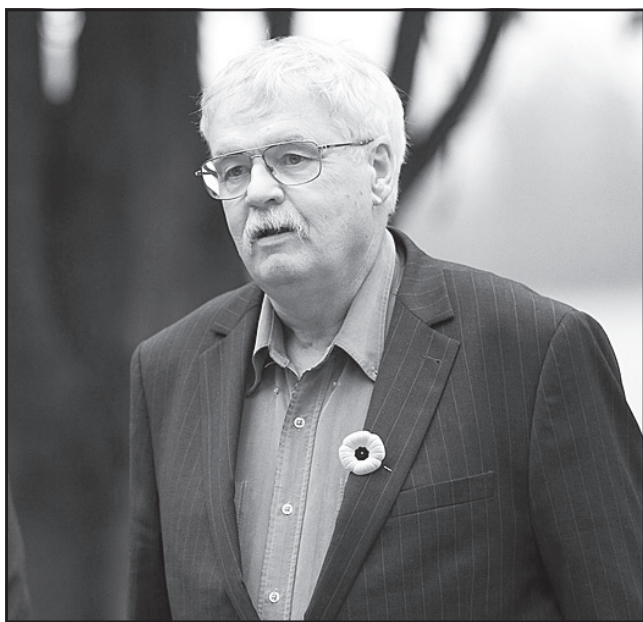
enduring national respect and gratitude for the sacrifice of the Canadian men and women who have lost their lives in the service of peace, at home and abroad. It has become her mission to see that one day all of the soldiers' headstones would have a poppy placed in their honour, with truly No Stone Left Alone.

of freedom, mercy and good faith among the nations, and for those who in life and death have protected our lives and through whose sacrifices we have prospered. As we hold the dead in continual remembrance, enable us to walk with clean hearts, determined wills and great hope. And help us to preserve the

peace and fairness they defended. We pray with hope and trust in your mercy and grace. Amen."

Legion President Cindy Devereux read the Commitment to Remember and Act of Remembrance. Wreaths were laid at the base of the Vimy Oak by President Devereux and on behalf of No Stone Left

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Councillor John Wright

The 2022 service is a combined effort of the Greenwood Cemetery Board, Ridgetown Br. 243 Legion and Ridgetown Kiwanis.

Thanks were extended to those in attendance supporting this year's ceremony. It's a small act - placing a poppy on the headstone of a soldier long passed - but it is a powerful symbol that we are trying not to forget, not to doom ourselves to repeat our history. Some may question why we would even want to remember the horrors of war and instead focus on the future. We take comfort in thinking that today, we wouldn't make those same mistakes and wouldn't be asked to pay the same price or make the same sacrifices. Our generation - your generation - would know better and do better. But we would be wrong.

Every generation thinks that it is too smart and civilized to fall prey to war violence, and maybe someday that will be true. But as Plato said, "only the dead have seen the end of war." And so we must remind ourselves of the horror and the sacrifice, as well as the courage and commitment, that war brings.

Greetings were brought by Ward 3 Councillor John Wright and Cindy Devereux Br. 243 Ridgetown Legion President, followed by the singing of OCanada led by Alan Ure.

John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" was beautifully read by Karen Hutt.

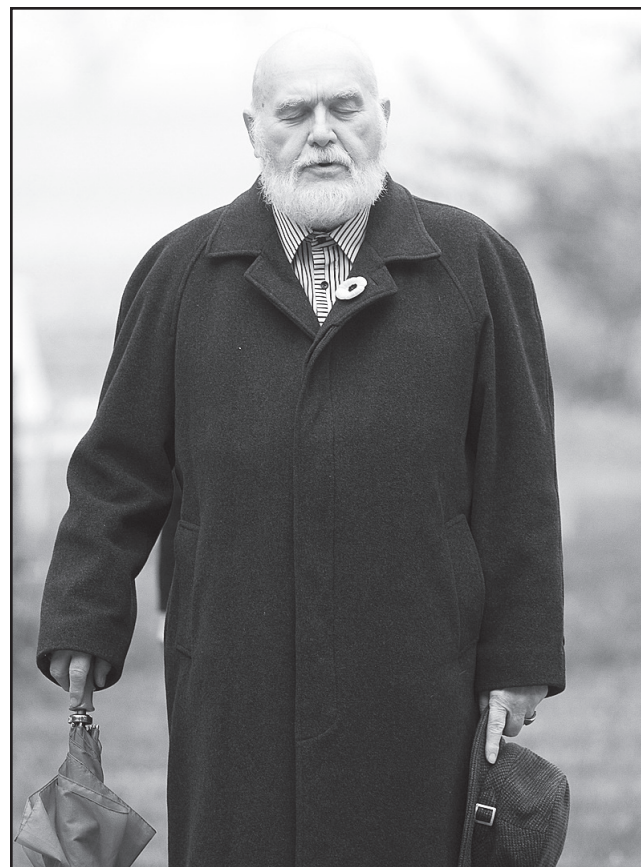
Br. 243 Legion Padre, Reverend Al McIntyre, provided an inspirational message and gave a prayer of remembrance. "Eternal God, creator and sustainer of all humanity, we thank you ... For all who have laboured for liberty, justice and peace, for those who have given themselves in defence



Pastor Al McIntyre



Karen Hutt reads "In Flanders Fields".



Kiwanian Al Ure



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 if you just want to say.....*

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