



# Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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## **Remembering - Juno Beach, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day 1945 – 2020**

### **President's Remarks – David Smith**

Covid 19 please go away!!!

We managed to open for a few weeks, but are now closed again until further notice.

General meetings have been cancelled through December but we will continue to provide important updates to you via email.

### **2020 Board Change**

Effective November 2nd, Larry Lau will become the Membership Director replacing Dawne Ramkay who is stepping down at the end of the year. Dawne will assume the Sergeant at Arms role through December.

I have thanked Dawne for her service this year on the Board.

### **2021 Elections**

Nominations for 2021 closed on Saturday October 31st and we have not received any nominations for President, Treasurer, Secretary and 8 Directors.

As we previously published, the current Board has agreed to stay in place for 2021. If there is any change to that, then according to the Constitution, I will nominate a person and ask for a vote of confirmation either at a General Meeting or by email and/or telephone.

## 2021 Membership

Membership fees for 2021 are now due. As a reminder, Regular/Relative membership fees are \$45 and Associate membership fee is \$50.

As we are not open to collect fees, we have made arrangements to accept membership payments by:

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again, indicate that it is for 2021 membership.

The Secretary and myself have been working through the Overdue members list to get members paid up for 2020. Responses have been very good and we have collected from a number of members. Those who did not pay have now been moved to the Former Members List.

## Poppy Campaign

A modified 2020 Poppy Campaign started on October 30th and is again being run by Rick Paci and Bill Guiller and their band of volunteers.

This year we have no presence in Markville Mall and based on Legion guidance, schools have had to indicate if they wanted to participate or not and arrange to pick up the poppies, so we anticipate that the contributions will be lower this year.

## Remembrance Day

This year we celebrate 75 years to the end of the Second World War and it will go down in history as the first time (and hopefully the last) that we are not able to celebrate with memorial services, parades and gatherings of fellowship afterwards.

Regardless, we will still remember the huge sacrifices that were made by all of the Armed Forces personnel to allow us to have the freedom that we all enjoy today.

As for Remembrance Day activity, see the update from the Parade Marshal in this newsletter.

Let us not forget and at the going down of the sun, we will remember them.

Until we can meet again, wear your mask, social distance and stay safe.

.....**David**







## Parade Marshal – Gary Bowerman

**The Remembrance Ceremony** on November 7th will again be limited due to restrictions. The City has granted us permission to use Veterans Square on a very limited scale. We will be allowed to place five wreaths on the Cenotaph, early morning, on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Unlike previous years, we will **NOT** be having a Church service in the main hall, parade, service at the Cenotaph or any social gathering on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Seventy-five years have passed since the end of the Second World War. Around the world, large ceremonies have been in the planning stages for years to recognize the defeat of the Japanese aggressors in the Far East and the Fascist regimes in Europe. Even without the large ceremonies and large crowds, we will remember the sacrifices made.

The Korean War followed by the Cold War.....with Canadians involved in over 35 United Nations missions and numerous NATO missions including Bosnia, Serbia, Kosovo and Afghanistan, the common statement from all combatants in all these actions has never changed. A speech given by General Sherman in 1879 sums this up. **“War is Hell”...“Only those who have not heard a shot, nor heard the shrills and groans of the wounded and lacerated, (friend or foe) cry aloud for more blood and vengeance.”**

This year, please go to Veterans Square during Remembrance week, reflect on the sacrifices made by so many and for the MDVA members no longer with us. Place your poppy on a wreath. **“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”**

Our best and most respectful way to honour the men and women we have lost in the many conflicts, peacekeeping and peacemaking roles is to keep safe, wear “our masks” and keep our social bubbles small.

For those that disagree with the precautions being applied, I hope we are all around to argue the point and raise a glass to our fallen comrades next year.  
Keep safe ...

.... Gary



## Sargent-at-Arms: Larry Lau

Every year, Poppy Campaign started from the last Friday of October to November 11. Tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. Lest We Forget.



..... Larry

# Remembrance Day

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## In Flanders Fields

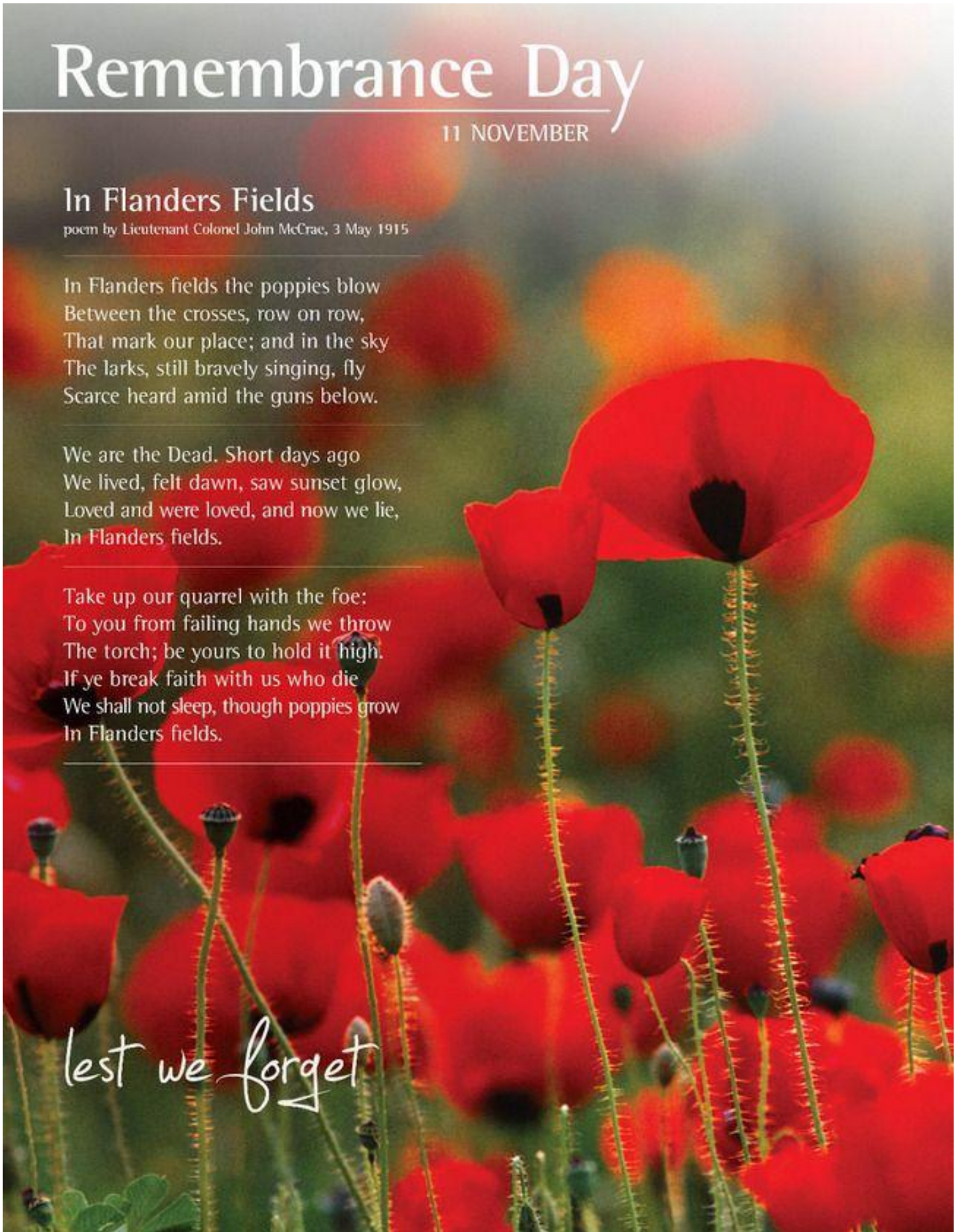
poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

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.

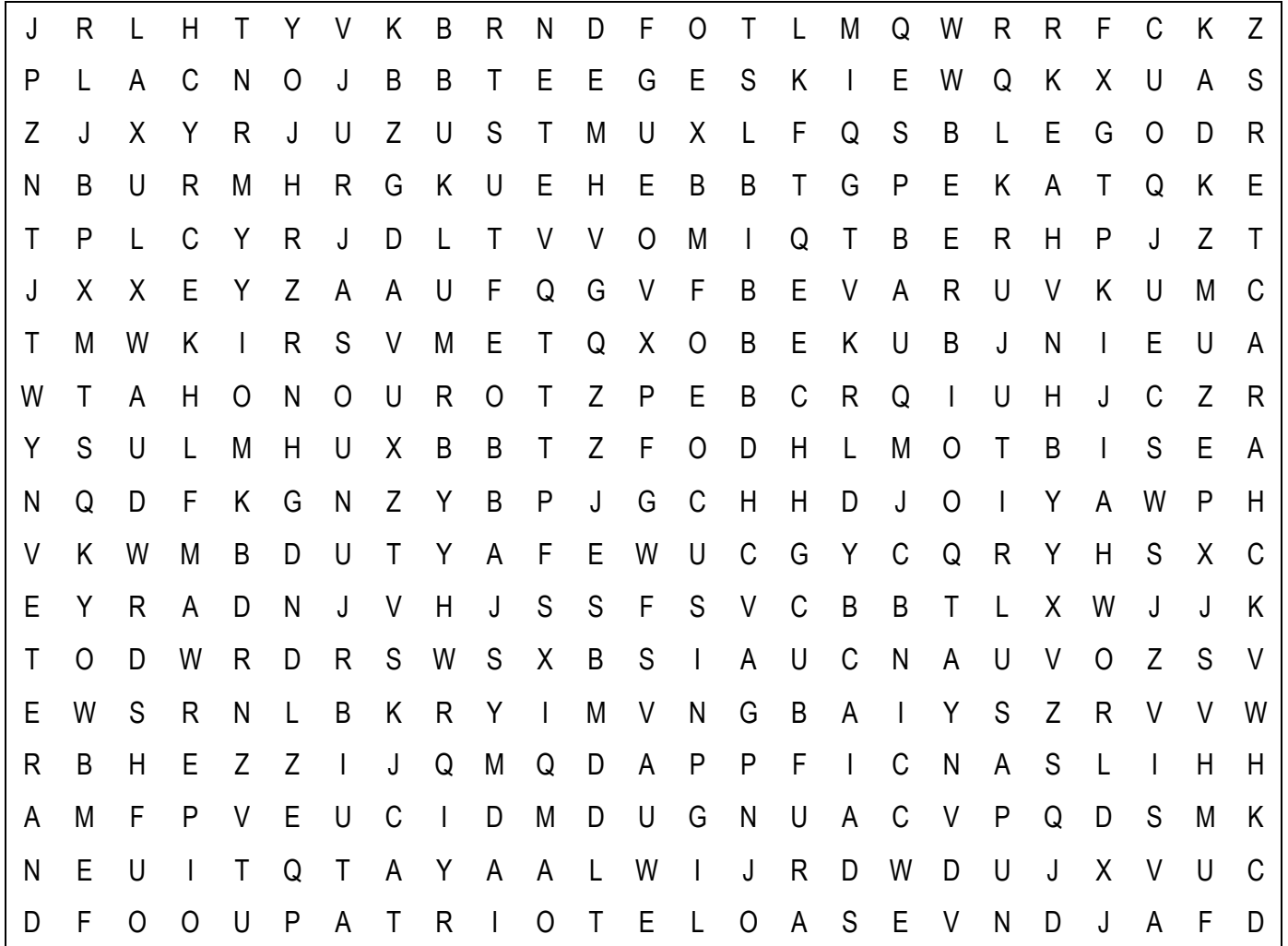
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

lest we forget



# Remembrance Day Word Search

**Instructions:** Try to find all of the hidden Remembrance Day words in the word search puzzle below. (Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



## Word List

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ARMY	DUTY	SALUTE
BATTLE	HONOUR	SERVICE
CANADA	INFANTRY	VETERAN
CHARACTER	PATRIOT	WAR
DEFEND	REMEMBER	WORLD



## **Watch for !**

I realize that most stores these days are not handling money & we are encouraged to use debit or credit cards, however, the Canadian Mint has come out with a new \$2 coin or “Toonie” celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWII – so watch out for the new coins !!! There are two versions, one with colour & one without !!!



## **Trivia Corner :**

### **This Month in History: A Little November Trivia To Think About**

Many significant things have happened in November throughout history. Here is just a sample of some of the fun historical trivia as we welcome in what is usually a dreary month of rain but also a time when we remember all those who have given their lives, so that we might live in freedom.

Let's begin in **1605**. If you grew up in England, you will have celebrated Guy Fawkes Day on November 5 every year. This, of course, is the anniversary date of the failed Gunpowder Plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London in 1605. How different life would have been had it succeeded!

Here in Canada on **November 7, 1885**, the first transcontinental railway, the Canadian Pacific, was completed in British Columbia.

Margaret Mitchell, the author of this very famous book, ***Gone With The Wind***, was born on **November 8, 1900**. Did you know that her novel (the only one she ever wrote) sold over 10 million copies, was translated into 30 languages, and became one of the most popular movies of all time? Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize in 1937 for the book. She died in 1949 after being hit by a car in Atlanta.

One of the most memorable November events was the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on **November 22, 1963**. Most people who were alive then remember exactly what they were doing when they heard that tragic news. Do you remember ?

On a lighter note, November is also known as “Fun With Fondue Month” and in more recent years it has also become “**November**,” a time when men grow beards and moustaches for charitable causes.

Unlike our Canadian Thanksgiving, celebrated in October, American Thanksgiving occurs in late November, this year being celebrated on **Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>**, followed by Famous Black Friday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> for the best shopping deals of the year !

November is of course the 11th month, as well as one of the four months in the year with only 30 days in it. If you were born this month, your star sign is either Scorpio or Sagittarius and your birth-stone is topaz.

And, most importantly .....  
November, 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM



**Thank you's again go out to our "Front Line" workers ! Here we are months later, & we're still giving our thanks to those who have worked endlessly on keeping us safe !**

***They have a message back !***

***"We stay here for you, please stay home for us "***



*(This photo comes from the Peterborough Regional Health Centre)*



**As a reminder to all – from last month's Newsletter .....**

**Markham District Veterans Association**  
**2020 Markham Remembrance Week**

The Markham District Veterans Association will be observing Remembrance Week from Saturday, November 7th, 2020, without our usual services, parade and social gathering.

We will have 5 UNATTENDED WREATHS placed on the Cenotaph at Veterans Square for the entire Remembrance Week. **(Saturday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)**



We welcome the many groups that have participated in past Remembrance Services and members of the general public to visit Veterans Square during Remembrance Week to place a poppy on the wreaths. "We Will Remember Them".

Please respect all the restrictions that are established to keep COVID-19 from spreading. The MDVA and The City of Markham had to adjust the protocols and procedures this year for all events. The Royal Canadian Legion is asking their members and general public to stay home on Remembrance Day and watch the services on television.

Gary Bowerman – MDVA 2020 Parade Marshal



## **Banners!**

In case you haven't had the chance to see the banners, please take a drive or a walk up & down Main Street Markham. The banners went up mid October & Rick Paci has been kind enough to share the list of names with banners, & where they are located.

Thanks Rick !

Here are a couple of example pictures – sorry the quality isn't very good .... but I wanted to share ....

**Dorothy & Howard Jarick**



**Don Rattle**



**Ernie Thompson**



**Brian Webb**



Markham Main Street between Hwy #7 and Bullock/Parkway					
<b>Banner</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pole</b>	<b>Sponsored</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>In Front of</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>20-</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Veteran</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Name Of Business</b>
Kearns, David (Family)	19	96	Bacon, James	96	The Old Town Hall
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	4	Blaylock, Harry	4	Pizza Pizza
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	124	Calbert, Herbert	124	Uncle Joe's Rest.
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	78	Calbert, William	60-u2	East Markham Dental
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	32	Chalmers, Ralph K.	32	St. Andrews United Church
Cole, Jim	19	81	Cole, Gordie	81	Mingay & Vereshchak
Couperthwaite, Elizabeth	19	151	Couperthwaite, George	143	St. Andrews Presbyterian
McCracken, Elaine	19	26	Curry , Samuel		Thomson Court Access road
Desson, Jennifer	19	86	Desson, Thomas B.	86	BMO
Fortnum, Dennis	19	39	Fortnum, Norman Jack	39	39 Spices
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	97	Glover, Cpl Joseph	97	Tim Clark Florist
Greene, Karl	19	61	Greene, William	65	Kitchen, Closets & Baths
Jones, Judith	19	137	Harris, Cpl John Leslie	137	Julia's Bridal
Eady, Karen	19	34	Hems, Stan	42	Folco's
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	5	Hope, Thomas	5	Husky Gas Station
MDVA	19	115	Jarick, Harold & Dorothy	117	Eleven Joseph
Webb, Doreen	19	85	Jordan, Charles	87	Hempden Jewelers
Kearns, Paul	19	59	Kearns, James	59	NFP
Whiteley, Janet	19	152	Lawrie, Alexander	152	Babypink Photo
Whiteley, Janet	19	43	Lawrie, Harold C.	43	Blink Optical
Lawton, Jim	19	8	Lawton, Job	8	Cigar Company & Barber Shop (closed)
Leet, Gail & Janice	19	15	Leet, Robert J.	15	CM Furs
Lillie, Evelyn	19	123	Lillie, Gerald		Old Tremont Hotel
Milligan, Germaine	19	80	Milligan, Sgt John	80	Beacon Environmental
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	31	Morison, John William	35	T & T Bakery
Mullett, Brenda	19	60	Mullett, Charles & Dorothy	60-u8	Markham Cruise & Travel
Elson, Howard	19	20	Paley, Jack	20A	SPA Lav Carlotte

Proctor, Dan	19	131	Proctor, Herbert	135	Peppertree Classics
Woodcock, John	19	40	Prosser, Earnest L.	42	Folco's Rest.
Markham Senior Centre	19	140	Rattle, Wm Donald	144	Azvm Rest.
Stuart, Susan	19	141	Stuart, Sgt John "Jack"	141	Svengali Spa
Thompson, Muriel	19	27	Thompson, Ernie	27	Hero's Barber Shop
McTavish, Fraser	19	69	Walker, Roy A.	69	Genesis Design
Watson, Dave & Cora	19	118	Watson, Maj J. D.	118	Paint Lounge
Webb, Brian	19	106	Webb, Cpt Nicholas	112	Three Kingdom Games
Webb, Brian	19	25	Webb, Sgt Brian	25	Dr. Lynde Dermatology Clinic
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	68	Wolstenholme, Fred Lawton	60-u5	Slice of Fire
Ryan, Jesse - High Road HR	19	134	Woodruff, George Clifford	134	Chiropractic Centre
Wooten, Ian	19	16	Wooten, Cliff	16	SAFA Medical Clinic Walk-In
Paci, Riccardo	19	75	Zappa, Lucien	75	The Barber Lounge
Fitzgerald, James	20	159	Bradley, John G., "Jack"	159	
Carlsen, Roger	20	167	Carlsen, Joan Mary	167	
Rea, Karen	20	161	Carlsen, Dennis "Red"	161	
Couperthwaite, Janis	20	158	Couperthwaite, Carlton	158	W.A.C. Hair Salon
Thomas, Neil	20	176	Cubitt, Mike	176	
France, Mike	20	165	France, John	165	Century 21
France, Mike	20	180	France, William	180	
Baffier, Michelle	20	56	Keeble, Thomas	68	Second Cup
Lazar, Kathleen	20	172	Noble, W. Charles	172	
Miron, Walter	20	171	Purdy, Cpl. Walter	171	Massage Therapy
McIntosh, Beverley	20	175	Roffey, Alfred V.	175	TAR Team
Ross, Bob	20	144	Ross, Murray	144	Mains Mansion
Smith, Cindy	20	168	Rudolph, Stanley Charles	166	Dixon Garland
Tracey, Cheryl	20	177	Tracey, William Herb	179	Accupuncture Clinic
Luks, Norma (Walsh)	20	162	Walsh, John Wilbert	162	Blair Ins.
Bates, Susan	20	166	Wilson, Boden RJ	166	Dixon Garland



**Please - please support these businesses!**



# SOON.

We're so grateful for the efforts of our community when it comes to prioritizing the health and safety of our residents. When the time is right, we will once again open our doors to families and friends and to everyone interested in senior living at Amica Swan Lake and Amica Unionville. Until that time comes, we're here to answer any questions you may have.

**For the latest updates and re-opening information, please contact us.**

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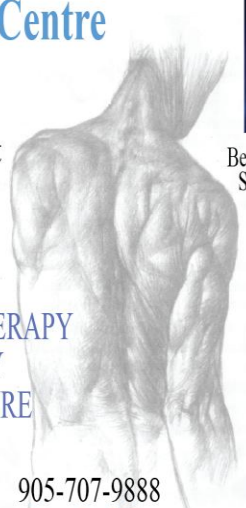



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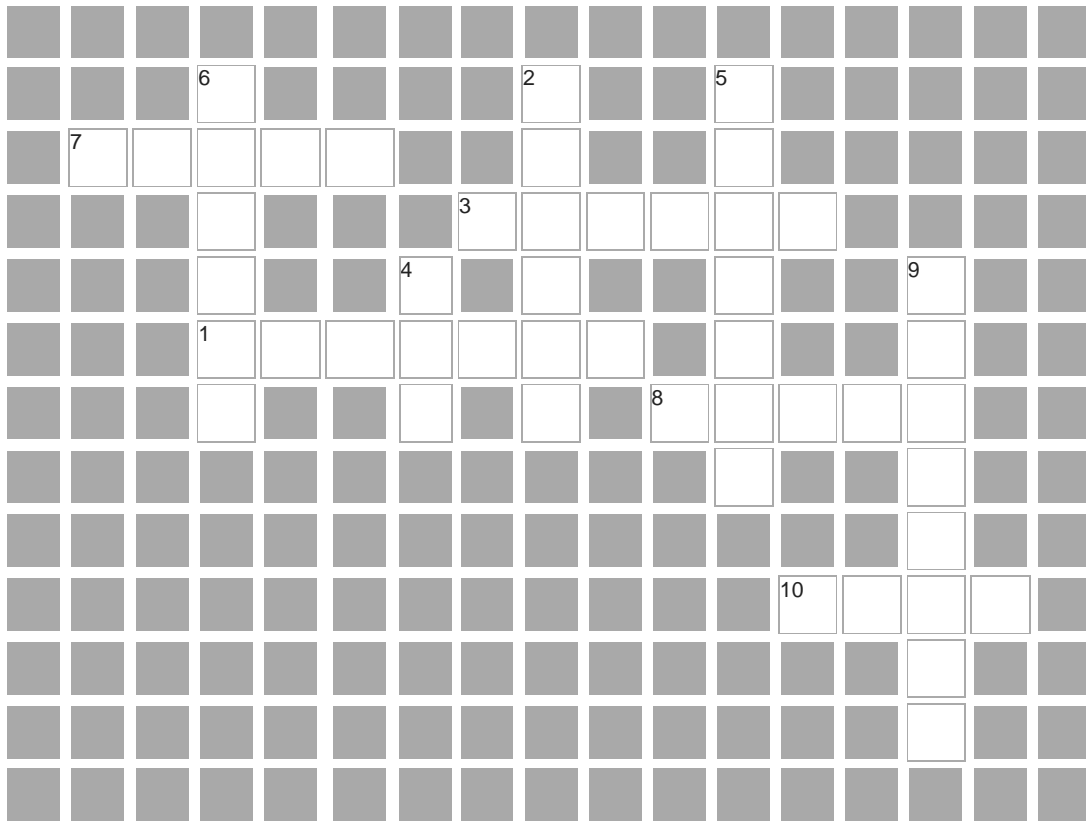



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# Remembrance Day Crossword Puzzle

**Instructions:** Complete the crossword puzzle by filling in the Remembrance Day words that fit the clues.



## Across

- 1) Faithfulness to commitments & obligations
- 3) Any instrument or device for use in attack or defense in combat
- 7) To keep safe from harm or danger
- 8) Multifaceted response to loss
- 10) Sense of moral commitment of obligation

## Down

- 2) Circular band of flowers & foliage
- 4) An organized & often prolonged conflict
- 5) Also called blooms or blossoms
- 6) Hostile encounter or engagement between opposing military forces
- 9) Soldiers or military units that fight on foot

**Answers** – next page



Answers:

**Across**

- 1) loyalty
- 3) weapon
- 7) guard
- 8) grief
- 10) duty

**Down**

- 2) Wreath
- 4) War
- 5) Flowers
- 6) Battle
- 9) Infantry