



## NEWS RELEASE

### The House of Commons' 2020 Poppy Fund Campaign

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In keeping with its proud tradition, the House of Commons is again participating in the [Poppy Fund Campaign](#) organized by the Royal Canadian Legion. Today marks the launch of the 2020 campaign.

Wearing the poppy honours Canadian veterans, displays our respect for the men and women of the military, and pays tribute to those who were lost defending the freedoms we enjoy today. This year marks 75 years since victory in Europe, 75 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

In honour of Remembrance Day, the Poppy Drop—a virtual display of falling poppies—will be projected onto the Peace Tower every evening from October 30 to November 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Each of the 117,000 falling poppies represents a life lost in service to our country.

This evening at 6:30 p.m., the Dominion Carillonneur will play “The Last Post” to begin the campaign. Her performance will be streamed live on [the Royal Canadian Legion's Facebook page](#) and [ourcommons.ca](#).

The Dominion Carillonneur will also play live on November 11.

November 11, 2020	10:10–10:30 a.m.	Prior to the ceremony at the National War Memorial
November 11, 2020	11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Following the ceremony at the National War Memorial

To listen to the recitals, visit the Peace Tower Carillon's [Daily Program](#) web page and click on **Listen on ParlVU**. As these performances are live, audio streaming is only available when a recital is scheduled.

With the closing of the Parliament Building, the Books of Remembrance have been moved from the Memorial Chamber to the Room of Remembrance in the Visitor Welcome Centre in West Block. The Books of Remembrance contain the names of all

those whom we have lost. The pages are turned every morning at eleven o'clock in a solemn ceremony, which allows every page of each book to appear at least once in the course of a year.

This year, mindful of safety precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Royal Canadian Legion is encouraging people who choose to donate and pick up a poppy at a traditional donation box to follow local health and safety protocols, such as using hand sanitizer before and after handling products. Poppy donation boxes will be placed at entrances and throughout buildings in the Parliamentary Precinct. Those who wish to donate from home can do so [online](#).

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