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# The House of Commons' 2023 Poppy Campaign

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The Honourable Greg Fergus, P.C., Speaker of the House of Commons, is pleased to announce that, in keeping with its proud tradition, the House of Commons is again participating in the [Poppy Campaign](#) organized by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Wearing the poppy honours Canadian veterans, shows our respect for the military, and pays tribute to those who were lost defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

In honour of Remembrance Day, the Poppy Drop—a virtual display of falling poppies—will be projected on the Peace Tower from October 27 to November 11, every evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., except for November 5, 10 and 11 when the display will continue until midnight. In total, 117,000 poppies will light up the Peace Tower to represent all the lives lost in service to Canada.

To mark the launch of the 2023 Poppy Campaign, a recording of the recital “The Last Post”, by Dominion Carillonneur Dr. Andrea McCrady, will be played during the Poppy Drop, starting at 6:30 p.m. on October 27.

The names of all those who sacrificed their lives defending Canada are recorded in the Books of Remembrance, kept in the Room of Remembrance in West Block. Their pages are turned every day at 11 a.m. during a solemn ceremony, allowing every page of each book to appear at least once in the course of a year.

The Books of Remembrance can be viewed digitally on the [Veterans Affairs Canada website](#), where the names of fallen soldiers can be searched.

The Royal Canadian Legion is encouraging everyone to pick up a poppy at donation boxes placed throughout buildings in the parliamentary precinct. It is also possible to [donate to the Poppy Campaign online](#).

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