

# A Silver Cross Mother's Reflections

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may forget my name, and I am fine with that. I will ask you however...no I will beg you, Please...do not forget my son, Frank or the others who did and do so much so we can live in freedom and peace.

It is not too soon in your young lives to also make some sacrifices for your country and for the earth we share with what is now 7 billion others who, regardless of where we live on planet earth, are not a whole lot different from those of you here today. For the most part "Good People" just want to be warm, fed, loved and live in peace. I emphasize "Good People" because not all people are "Good" and that is the reason our Military is so important to our country. They are there to protect us from those people who are not so "Good".

If you would like to feel that you too can make a difference to Canada join a group or club that serves others. If you are in Beavers, Brownies, Guides, Scouts or Cadets you are well on the road to serving others and making a real difference.

If you don't belong to any of these, you can still so little things to improve our world for everyone in it. Simple things such as remembering not to litter, and maybe if you see litter, even though you did not put it there, pick it up and dispose of it properly. These are not very big tasks, but you are serving your fellow Canadians by these simple acts and at the same time you are paving the way to becoming responsible adults who show a genuine concern for their country.

Today, I wear the Silver Cross, given by the Canadian Government in commemoration of the very personal sacrifice made by my wonderful son, Frank.

I will close by asking one favor of you. Wear your poppy to commemorate all the sacrifices made by our past and present Military Service Men and Women. The Poppy tells those who meet you that you do indeed care and that you do remember.

I understand when you get a day off school it is nice to stay in your PJ's and maybe watch come TV, I like to do that too.

That however, was not a choice our soldiers could make when they were asked to fight for our rights and freedoms. In fact, some of them went days without taking their boots off and they slept in ditches in all types of weather. But do you know what? Because they did that, you can, if you do so choose, stay at home on Remembrance Day.

Please, invite your parents to take you to the Remembrance Day Ceremonies and while you are there...thank a Veteran or a soldier who may be there in uniform. Thank them for keeping us safe and for making Canada the absolute best country in the world in which to live. Leave your Poppy at the Cenotaph after the service is over, this also tells all those people who pass by that you cared enough to participate in your own little way. If you do this you will be remembering the many that died for us and the veterans who gave so much and continue to do so, by sharing their experiences with us.

On behalf of Frank, or as he is known publicly...WO Frank R. Mellish, I want to thank you all for taking time to remember the ultimate sacrifice he made for us.

Thank you too for inviting me here today to take part in this special time. I know Frank would have been very proud of each and every one of you.

## Parrsboro Remembrance Day Service November 11th

Photos by Lawrence R Nicoll



A large crowd turned out to remember our veterans.



Reading the names of those who died in WWI and WWII.



Parrsboro Legion created a 'Cenotaph' for the ceremony



Hugh Clarke lays a wreath, a Legion member, War Service Veteran and Lions Club Member serving his country and community.



RCMP saluting during "God Save the Queen"



Our future veterans

## Bass River Remembrance Day Service November 11th

Photos by Heather Robinson



The Veteran's Memorial Park committee has initiated awarding an annual pin to a military mother. The 2011 Military Mother recipient was Barb Burns, right, shown after receiving her pin from last year's winner, Bev Ryan.



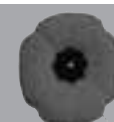
After the Remembrance Day ceremonies held at West Colchester Consolidated School wreaths were later transferred to Veteran's Memorial Park.



Over 60 wreaths were placed at Remembrance Day ceremonies in Bass River. Due to inclement weather the service was held in WCCS.

## Port Greville Remembrance Day Service November 11th

Photos by Oralee O'Bryne



Due to inclement weather, Remembrance Day services were held in the church.



In spite of the bad weather a large crowd attended Remembrance Day services in the church.



The 1st Lower Onslow Pathfinders attending the Remembrance Day Service included: (l to r) Jackie Aucoin (leader), Ally Strachan, Ashley Cook, Laura Sharpe, Anna Fullerton, Courtney Fielding and April Sharpe. Thirteen girls belong to the Lower Onslow Pathfinders. The group rotates around to a different Remembrance Day Service each year.

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