



POPPY CAMPAIGN & REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Royal Canadian Legion
Liberation of the Netherlands
Branch 005



In the digital world of 2021, it was inevitable.
The Royal Canadian Legion developed a poppy called "the immortal
Poppy", a digital version.
If we follow the social media a bit, with success.

Click on the photo for a short video about this.



First Poppy for the Governor General



Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall meet ten Poppy Appeal volunteers

In the Netherlands, the first Poppy is awarded to, for example, the mayor of a municipality where our comrades are active in promoting the Poppy.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 "Poppy-Day" in Zandvoort November 6, 2021.

After the First Poppy in the Municipality of Zandvoort was pinned on October 25 at Mayor David Moolenburgh, it was time to present a Poppy to the citizens and passers-by in the centre of the city. For this, a Saturday prior to November 11, Remembrance Day, is chosen in order to reach as many people as possible and spread the information about Remembrance. Over the years, this has evolved into "Poppy-Day", in 2021 on Saturday, November 6.

As a location, RCL005 always has access to the hall of the grocery store Albert Heijn branch in the center of the village. Many people pass by and 'stories' can also be exchanged.



First Poppy for Mayor Moolenburgh pinned on by Sgt. Jo-Anne Wiseman from the Canadian Embassy



Reinier Groeneveld and daughter Suzanne ©: Dick Bossink

Inside the hall, where a large RCL-banner was hung, Connie Lempke, Peter Bongers, Martin Reelick and Ruud Janssen took turns when the Poppies were handed out.

This year, comrade Reinier Groeneveld and daughter Suzanne stood in front of the door with his army jeep under the roof of the RCL005 Promotional Pavilion. This was specially set up to get more attention from the public, but of course also to be dry in case of rain. Fortunately that was not the case, but there was a strong wind from the sea.





From the left: Peter Bongers, Martin Reelick, Connie Lempke, Ruud Janssen © Dick Bossink

Due to the new COVID-19 restrictions with RCL mouth caps on and distance at 1 1/2 meters from those interested, who were asked to pin the Poppy themselves. The RCL005 'Liberation' coin was also offered for a donation of 15 euros or more. People could make a voluntary donation in the Poppy buses. This year, the comrades also had a mobile payment terminal at their disposal, because not everyone has cash

with them anymore and like to use a debit or credit card. This turned out to be a great solution. And for the children there were of course the Canadian flags. The employees of the Albert Heijn branch all wore a Poppy to show their involvement. There were many young employees, who often appeared to be very interested in the meaning of the Poppy.

At the tables in the hall and outside, beautiful conversations were regularly held with the public. Of course about the family in Canada, about the beautiful country. But also about the two world wars and the many victims that had fallen among our liberators. The stories of relatives, of course, came up with the necessary emotion. Many British living in Zandvoort, who of course know the Poppy, also came to pick it up and often left a nice donation.

The staff of the doughnut- and fish specialties- stalls on the square always wear a Poppy on 'Poppy Day' and thus show their involvement, for which we are grateful.



At the end of the day, everything was cleaned up together and while enjoying a drink and snack at Ruud Janssen's home, the day was evaluated and the donations were prepared for transfer to the account of the Poppy Fund. All in all, it can again be called a very successful day, thanks to everyone who has contributed.

Ruud Janssen

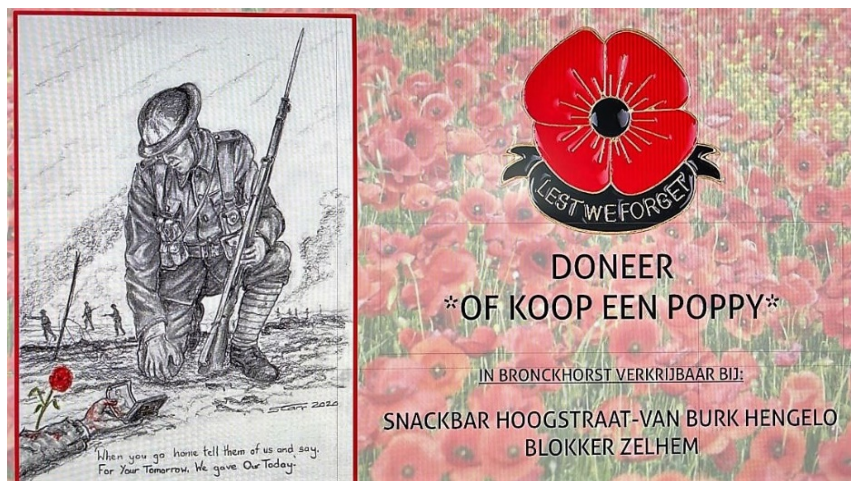
Coordinator Poppy-Day Zandvoort



Also in the municipality of **Bronckhorst** the first Poppy was for the mayor. Comrade Gerrit Bruggink presented a Poppy and the 75th anniversary commemorative coin to Mayor Besselink.

(Photo: Toon Roelofsen)

Prior to the Poppy Campaign, a number of promotions had already been achieved.



A poster was designed that was used in several places.



The regional press paid attention to it and Gerrit Bruggink was interviewed by Jeffrey van London of Radio Ideal and our mission was implemented: **EDUCATION.**



Some impressions concerning Remembrance Day.

WESTBANK (BC) FIRST NATIONS VETERANS DAY 2021.

Not only in the Netherlands do we want the youth to remember.

Click on photo for video impression. →



Photo by courtesy of Ellen Melcosky

Also in Canada the children commemorate the many (Indigenous) victims who fell for our freedom!



Glen Miller stands beside the bilingual poster he created to mark National Indigenous Veterans Day. Photo credit MyLethbridgeNow.com (Tina Karst).

LETHBRIDGE, AB - Local Indigenous veterans are being honoured in a special way this year. Glen Miller - who's a veteran himself - unveiled a bilingual version of the poem In Flanders Fields on Monday (Nov. 8). It's Veterans' Week in Canada, but Monday (Nov. 8) is specifically meant to honour the country's Indigenous vets who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The poem was translated into Blackfoot with the help of Dr. Lena Russell, from the Bloo. [Click here and listen to Dr. Lena Russell reciting the John McCrae poem in Native American Blackfoot.](#)

11.11.2021.
GROESBEEK.

Commemoration
at the Canadian
War Cemetery in
Groesbeek.
Organized by the
Canadian Forces
Support Unit (E)
Germany.



The interest was great. A signal that the sacrifices of those who rest here are still known, appreciated and thought of.



RCL Branch 005 'Liberation of The Netherlands' with their Colour Party and Youri Kniest of the British Legion participated in the ceremony and so did the 48th Highlanders of Holland Pipes & Drums.

President Martin Reelick read the Act of Remembrance.

Several delegations laid a wreath.





Afterwards, Canadian Restaurant Mondani provided the hot drinks, because it was a fresh and humid morning.





Photo's on
this page:

Henk Baron



Also a ceremony in Schoonebeek. Photo: Rob Wethly



Two minutes of silence. King's Cross Station London © Dominic Lipinski/PA



A troop of the Household Cavalry pay their respects in the early morning at the Cenotaph
Photo: © Guy Bell/Rex/Shutterstock



A RAF Veteran observes the two minute silence at a war memorial by his home in Cirencester in Gloucestershire

Photo: © Jacob King/PA



Menin Gate Ypres © vrt.be



In Brussels King Philip attended the ceremony.

On the night of November 10-11, 1918, Canadian troops liberated the Belgian city of Bergen. (Mons) They faced the last places of resistance and at 11 am on November 11, the last shot of the Great War was fired in the municipality.

The 42nd Battalion of the Royal Highlanders of Canada or Black Watch of Montreal of the 3rd Canadian Division was part of the Liberators.

On November 11, 1918, the regiment's Pipe Band played all over the city of Bergen to announce the end of the fighting and the war.

Its 103rd anniversary was commemorated on November 11, 2021.



Surfing on the World Wide Web we can only draw one conclusion:
In much of the free world the following still applies:

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!