

# The Raven & The Rock

### The Glens' Association Newsletter—November 2020

### MORE ABOUT THE CRIPPLING SOCIAL EFFECTS OF COVID-19

As our Association has been affected by Covid-19, so were the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance services this year. However, there were services throughout the country. Maybe, a lone piper playing somewhere. Legion branches that have been suffering financially this year conducted services under local and Royal Canadian Legion rules. Innovated ideas were seen from coast to coast to coast. Some Glens went out early on a cool windy day to lay a wreath at the Crysler's Farm Battlefield Memorial – *The Battle that saved Canada* and now one of our three War of 1812 - 14 Regimental Battle Honours. "Lest We Forget"







### OUR 1ST BATTALION REMEMBERED BEYOND OUR BORDERS

For those of us who have been able to participate in past tours, we have met and established friendships with people in Normandy, Belgium, and The Netherlands. They are active in remembering what their country owes Canadians for the liberation of their families.

This year, Covid-19 has restricted their formal remembrance ceremonies. The people of The Netherlands were not able to hold their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of their country. In neighbouring Belgium, the annual Canadian Liberation March established in 1974 was cancelled. This is the 33 km march from Hoofdplaat, The Netherlands to Knokke-Heist, Belgium. Some members of the Regimental Family and Friends of the Regiment did that march in November 2009. But our friends, Freddy and Danny Jones did the march this year along with pipers from the For Freedom Pipes and Drums Band. Freddy and Danny have been our hosts for visits to the area especially events at their For Freedom Museum.

But Freddy and Danny went beyond completing the march. Working with the Mayor of Knokke-Heist, who declared the city - The Maple Leaf City from October 30 to November 13, Freddy and Danny initiated a special remembrance – "1000 Canadian Flags for 1000 Fallen Liberators". For those of us there in 2009, we remember the Canadian flags throughout the city. Knokke-Heist was festooned with more Canadian Flags than normal this year. They do not forget.

The Annual Canadian Liberation March "Remembering the Canadians who fought for our freedom" Since 1974 Hoofdplaat, the Netherlands to Knokke—Heist, Belgium—33 Km

## Up The Glens!