



## Town of Ajax Makes Special Donation

The Town of Ajax responded to the news that there had been a rash of Poppy Box thefts around town with a special donation to the Poppy Campaign. Up to twenty boxes went missing from various retail stores in the area in early November.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Skinner presented Michael O'Hara, President of the Ajax Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and Reg Sherren, Poppy chairman for the Ajax Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion with a cheque for \$2,000.



Left to Right: Mike O'Hara, Legion President, Reg Sherren, Poppy Chairman, Sheila Strain, Manager of Budgets and Brian Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer

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The Premier  
of Ontario

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Queen's Park  
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November 24, 2006

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 322  
111 Hunt Street  
Ajax, Ontario  
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Dear Members:

On November 10, I had the honour of inaugurating Ontario's first Tribute to the Fallen, a new plaque and ceremony designed to mark the courage and sacrifice of military personnel, firefighters and police officers who have fallen in the line of duty since 2002.

As members of the Royal Canadian Legion, and as part of an organization renowned for its Remembrance Program, I know you understand the vital importance of commemorating the service and sacrifice of our heroes — those courageous women and men who placed themselves in harm's way so that others might be safe. And this is why I am especially proud of our province's new tribute to members of the Canadian Forces, and to firefighters and police officers in Ontario, who have given their lives to keep us safe and secure.

This first ceremony dedicated to honouring the 17 Ontarians killed since 2002 while serving as members of the Canadian Forces did much to convey to the families of the fallen — and to all citizens of Ontario — our profound respect and deepest gratitude for their sacrifice. Family members were presented with a framed tribute comprising a specially designed trillium and an inscribed brass plate. Similar presentations recognizing fallen firefighters and police officers will be made at their respective memorials each year.

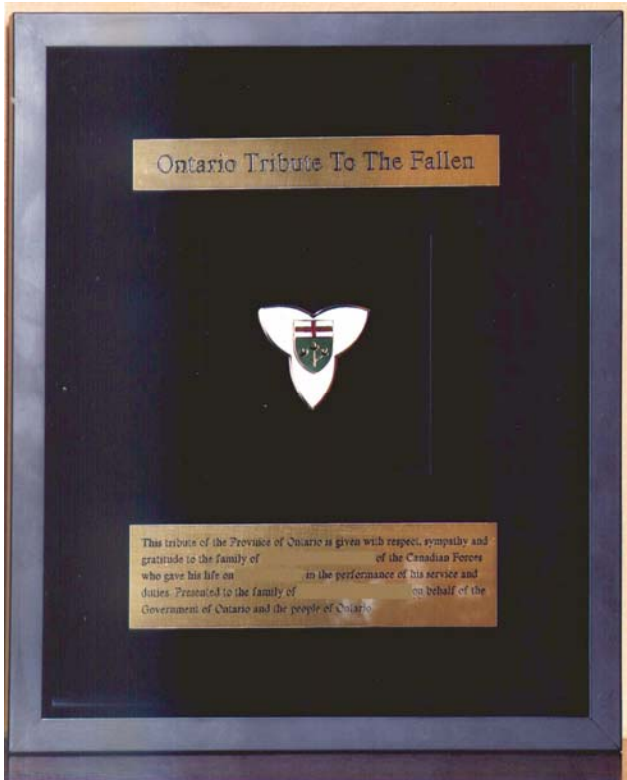
I have written to my fellow premiers across the country to inform them of Ontario's new Tribute to the Fallen, and to encourage them to adopt a similar initiative within their own jurisdictions. I firmly believe that the act of perpetuating the memory of heroism, and of recognizing the sacrifices of Canada's soldiers, firefighters and police officers, should be a national one. I know I can count on the Royal Canadian Legion, Canada's largest veterans' organization, to echo these sentiments.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty  
Premier

Enclosures



# Marble Church, Bodelwyddan



This postcard was passed on to me by Comrade Agnes Heasley. Canadian soldiers from the First World War are buried here in the graveyard. When I did some research on it, I found some very interesting Canadian History.

After surviving slaughter amid the mud of the trenches of the First World War, this part of north Wales was the last place Canadian soldiers eager to return home wanted to spend the winter of 1918-19. Yet for 83 Canadians, Bodelwyddan would be their final resting place. Most of the men who lie in the church graveyard were victims of a deadly outbreak of influenza. But the deaths of five of the veterans are not so easily explained, and even 82 years later are shrouded in mystery.

Immediately west of the church was Kinmel Park, a camp set up to handle the soldiers from the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The men were itching to board boats for Halifax and St. John. They were told there weren't enough boats to transport them, but many waited longer than seemed fair. The men knew the longer they were kept in north Wales, the worse their chances of finding work, adding to their anxiety about being held back. American troops, meanwhile, were getting boats bound for the United States straight from France without having to go through Britain, despite the fact they hadn't fought