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**RE: 2023 ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN - ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FORT MALDEN BRANCH 157**

Dear Businesses, Members, and Supporters of the Legion,

On behalf of the Poppy Chair and Executive Officers of the RCL Fort Malden Branch 157, I extend to you an invitation to support the annual Poppy Campaign.

The Annual distribution of Poppies & wreath laying, is the sole appeal by Royal Canadian Legion for the Benevolent Funds Branch. Poppy Funds are held in trust, to be used for emergency assistance to Veterans, their dependents and the children of deceased ex-service personnel. All money, collected by our branch, is spent in the Amherstburg area and through Veteran support programs throughout the country, as well as providing assistance to our Veterans at our district hospital, the Parkwood Campus of Victoria Hospital, in London, Ontario.

The Poppy Fund is the Canadian Legion's way of remembering the debt owed, by all of us, to those who sacrificed so much on our behalf, that we might continue to enjoy the freedoms that we all too often take for granted. It is the Legion's sincere belief, that all Canadians appreciate this annual opportunity to contribute in a special way to the payment of this debt. In addition to the Act of Remembrance, contributions to the Poppy Fund are tangible expressions of thanks, to the men and women who gave their lives, and also to those who became disabled while serving their country.

Please notify our Legion Branch 157 of your specific contribution, **NO LATER THAN NOV. 7th 2023**, by return post or sending the completed form via email to [rclbranch157@cogeco.net](mailto:rclbranch157@cogeco.net)

*Please make cheques payable to "RCL Branch 157" indicating Donation to Poppy Fund OR Building Fund in memo line.*

( ) Donation to POPPY FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Remembrance Wreath Donation \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

A limited number of wreaths are available on a first come first served basis for the ceremony. Wreaths may be reserved via in-person cash donation at the Legion, or by sending a cheque to the Branch at the address above. **Commercial and Business Wreaths will be placed at the Cenotaph prior to the ceremony at 10:00 am on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A list of contributors will be publicized to express our sincerest thanks. For your convenience, anyone wishing to place their wreath in a private moment may do so prior to 10:00am on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

On behalf of RCL Branch 157, thank you in advance for your generous response.

Shawn Wilkie  
Poppy Chair  
RCL Fort Malden Branch 157

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President  
RCL Fort Malden Branch 157

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**NOTE:** Fort Malden Branch 157 is not a registered charity. Donation receipts are not valid for income tax purposes.