Remembrance in the Capital

Explore commemorative sites in Ottawa and learn how our military history has contributed to the growth of Canada.

Canada Remembers.

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1. The Response, the National War Memorial
   The memorial is a tribute to Canadians who have served in times of war.

2. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
   The unidentified Canadian soldier represents all Canadians who have died for their country, particularly the estimated 28,000 soldiers with no known graves.

3. Valiants Memorial
   This collection of busts and statues commemorates 14 heroic men and women who represent critical moments in Canada’s military history.

4. National Aboriginal Veterans Monument
   The monument is a tribute to the many Aboriginal men and women who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

5. Monument to Canadian Fallen (Korean War Monument)
   This monument commemorates more than 30,000 Canadians who served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, and as peacekeepers in Korea until 1957.

6. South African War Memorial (Boer War)
   Thirty thousand schoolchildren donated pennies to pay for this monument to Canadian volunteers who died in the South African War (1899–1902).

7. Northwest Rebellion (Sharpshooters Monument)
   This monument from 1888 commemorates members of the Sharpshooters’ Company of the Governor General’s Foot Guards who died during the Northwest Rebellion (1885).

Sussex Drive

8. Reconciliation: The Peacekeeping Monument
   The Peacekeeping Monument is the only commemoration of its kind in the world. It is dedicated to Canadian peacekeepers, and honours both the living and the dead.

9. Defence of Hong Kong Monument
   A tribute to the 1,976 Canadians who helped defend the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong during the Second World War.

10. National Artillery Monument
    The large marble wall commemorates gunners killed in service. The 25-pounder gun was used by the Royal Canadian Regiment of Artillery during the Second World War and in Korea.

11. Ottawa Memorial (Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial)
   A tribute to approximately 800 air force members who died in the Second World War and who have either unknown or inaccessible graves.

12. Mackenzie-Papineau Monument
    This monument commemorates the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. This group of more than 1,500 Canadian volunteers fought against fascism in Spain during the 1930s.

Wellington Street and the Ottawa River

13. Peace Tower and Memorial Chamber
    The Peace Tower commemorates the end of the First World War. The tower holds the Memorial Chamber and the Books of Remembrance containing the names of Canada’s war dead.

14. Canadian Phalanx
    This monument is part of a collection of documentary art that commemorates Canada’s participation in the First World War.

15. Royal Canadian Navy Monument
    This commemoration represents the important role of those who have served, currently serve and will serve in the Royal Canadian Navy.

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