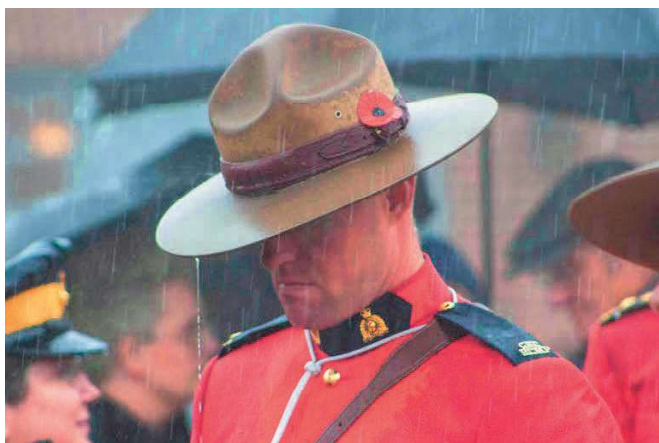


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Top left: Legion president Al Howse helps set up in the pouring rain. Top right: Flight Sgt. Elias Dau guards the Queenston cenotaph during the ceremony, as water runs off his nose. Middle left: Mountie Evan Malcolm's hat vigorously drips water as the steady rain continues. Right: NOTL fire chief Jay Plato shakes hands with firefighters in attendance. Bottom left: A drenched, cold Flight Sgt. Dylan Critchley stands guard during the ceremony at the Queenston cenotaph. SOMER SLOBODIAN PHOTOS

Steady pool of water pours down over Queenston ceremony

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He and his regiment were on leave in Scotland only to be called back into combat for the siege of Normandy, but by the time he and his companions got back to London, the soldiers had already shipped out.

She'll always remember the Sunday night drives with him and her dad when returning home from college classes.

"It's important to honour people who fight for their country," she said under the canopy of a black umbrella.

McCaughey's great-grandfather, Pte. Jack McCaughey served in the First World War with the 12th Regiment York Rangers.

She is proud of her grandfathers, but said it's "sickening" to see the cycle of war repeat itself over and over.

"It just doesn't seem to ever end," she said.

Sometimes when she thinks about what her grandparents went through she wishes and hopes that her daughter can one day live in a world without war.

At the cenotaph in Queenston, Elizabeth Richards recited "In Flanders Fields" by Canadian soldier John McCrae.

The day's rain is "nothing compared to what

(the soldiers) had to go through," Richards said.

She also thinks about her grandfather at this time of year, referring to him as "Pops."

"My Pop's main thing was he proposed to my Nan and they got married the day before (he shipped out)."

Richards' grandfather, Morgan Albert Richards, served in the navy during the Second World War.

He was one of the lucky ones. He came home.

He didn't talk much about his time in the service, though, so Richards remembers him more for the life he lived than for the war he fought in.

"He was definitely like the rock of our family," she told The Lake Report between mouthfuls of warm chilli at the Legion hall in the afternoon.

She also recalls her fam-

ily spent less time together after he died.

Back in Queenston, MPP Wayne Gates watched the ceremony from under an umbrella.

"I start thinking of my dad," he said.

"And then I think of the veterans that gave their lives for this country to allow me to be free," he added.

The living stood bowed on Friday and the rain continued to fall. No one complained.