

Southwold Remembers...



2005
Year of the Veteran

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60 years since end of WWII

The Federal Government of Canada has declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran. The purpose is to honour veterans of WWI, WWII, Korean War, as well as veterans of the Canadian Forces and still serving members. The tribute also includes civilians who worked with the military and those active on the home front during both World Wars. The overall aim is to celebrate, honour, remember and to teach the present generation. We are proud to be flying the specially designed Year of the Veteran flag at the Southwold Keystone Complex.

While visiting a cemetery in Ayr, Lorne Spicer observed that a 2" x 2" metal plate with a picture of 1 poppy was attached to Veterans' tombstones. After many inquiries, Noble Tufford was able to have the Pt. Stanley Legion order the 3" x 3" metal plates with 2 poppies entwined with a gold maple leaf for our Committee.

Pat Temple is attempting to find Veterans' family to obtain permission to adhere the metal plate to all Southwold Township Veterans' tombstones at no cost to any family.

At present, in each of the Southwold Cemeteries, one or more stones have the metal plates attached. Nothing is allowed to be attached to a stone the Government has erected.

Please notify a Southwold War Memorial Committee Member today, if you know of a relative who was a Veteran that should have a metal plate attached to his/her tombstone. We need to have written permission.

Our goal is to honour every deceased Veteran in Southwold Township.

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Keystone Complex

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Municipal Remarks	James McIntyre
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6. Fingal United Church/Boxall W. I.
7. Shedden W. I.
8. Frome
9. Middlemarch W. I.
10. Memorial Committee
11. W. Riddle & Wayne from Brantford
nose cone of Bolingbroke, WWII

John Harris

In 2005, John Harris of London, published "Serving and Surviving", about his experiences in WWII.

John Harris signed up for the Air Force in 1941, and his book contains details of his training, including some time spent at the Aylmer Air School. By the summer of 1943, he was a navigator with the Bomber Commander in England. Six weeks later his plane was shot down over Germany. Of the crew of six, Harris was the only survivor. He was a 23-year-old flight officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force imprisoned at Stalag Luft 111, a prisoner of war.

In one chapter, he gives details of the Great Escape on the night of March 24, 1944. During the digging of the escape tunnels, he had the job of watching for the guards. The night of the escape, he was crammed in a hut with 200 other men, waiting to enter the tunnel. They had drawn numbers to indicate the order of their turn to enter the tunnel. His number was so high, there was no time to get out. He learned after the War, that 50 escapees were shot.

Harris liberated in May 1945, and was back in Toronto by September. He married his wife Vi and they later moved to London in 1967. Harris was a teacher and administrator at Fanshawe College before retiring.

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Poppy Plaque for deceased Southwold Veterans Tombstones

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Southwold Remembers... No 4 Bombing & Gunnery School

Southwold Remembers... The Fingal Observer

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art unchanging in thy purpose of conferring benefits upon mankind; we acknowledge thy bountiful gifts bestowed upon us, from generation to generation. For the traditions of honour and justice, which we inherit; for the liberties so dearly won, and for the Faith thou hast enabled us to share with other peoples throughout the world;

Response. We give thee thanks, O Lord.

For the honour that thou hast set upon us, in calling us to stand fast against those who would destroy our heritage of freedom, and the gifts of Christian civilization that are the right of all mankind.

Response. We give thee thanks, O Lord.

For the unity of our people in the day of the ordeal, for the valour and self-sacrifice of all who share in the fight for the cause of righteousness; and for the resolve of the Empire to see justice triumphant and iniquity overthrown;

Response. We give thee thanks, O Lord.

Above all, for the great salvation thou hast made free to us in thy blessed Son, our Saviour; and for all the gifts of thy grace bestowed and promised in him;

Response. We give thee thanks, O Lord.

Grant that we may show forth our gratitude not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ST. ANNE
236 From PSALM XC

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

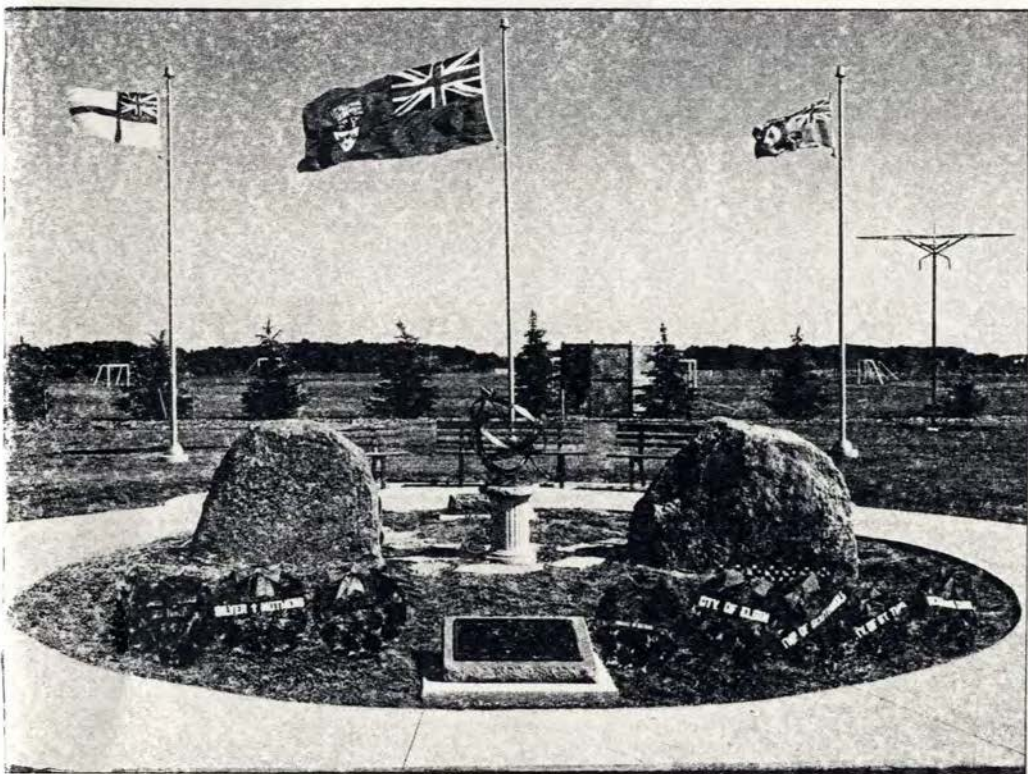
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

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November 5, 2006



Ted Barris

Ted Barris was born in Toronto in 1949. He lives in small town Ontario with his wife and children. He earned his B.A. from Ryerson University in 1971 and has been a freelance writer across Canada since then. He has numerous broadcast and print credits and is currently a CBC commentator, host and news broadcaster and University Professor. He has contributed pieces to The Canadian Encyclopedia. He has 8 non-fiction books published.

Some of his books: Days of Victory: Canadians Remember 1939-1945, Beyond the Glory: The Plan that Won the Allied Air War, and in 2004, Juno: Canadians at D-Day. He is currently writing a book about Vimy Ridge which will be out in 2007. He has won many Awards in writing.

In April 2007, Ted Barris will lead a tour to historic battlefields of WWI in France and Belgium. He will be at the Memorial rededication atop Vimy Ridge, The Somme, Beaumont-Harnel, Passchendaele, Poperinge, Ypres, and Flanders Field, which are all important sites of WWI. The tour also includes JUNO beach where Canadian D-Day troops launched the liberation of Europe in WWII.

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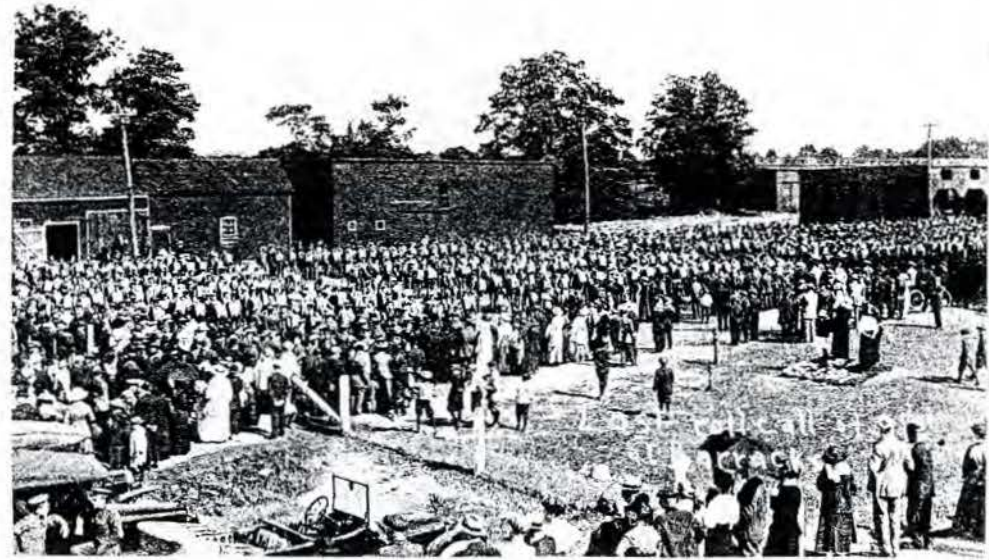
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The 91st Battalion

Like most areas in Canada, Elgin County raised its own overseas battalion. The 91st Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, was formed in October 1915 under command of Lt. Col. W.J. Green. (He was a veteran of the South African War.) Men from Elgin were quick to volunteer for active duty as soon as WWI began on August 8, 1914. In the first hour and a half, 48 men from Elgin County were signed up.

In June 1916, the 91st Battalion left St. Thomas and sailed for England. On arrival in England, the men were split up to provide reinforcements for more than 23 other battalions already in France. This action was common practice in 1916 so that entire Counties would not be depleted of manpower if their battalions were decimated in battle. During the course of the War, more than 2,400 men from Elgin would volunteer for active duty. There were 71 men from Southwold Township to sign up.

Members of the 91st Battalion saw action in all of the great and bloody conflicts in which Canadian troops were involved. These include Somme, Arras, Passchendaele, Ypres, St. Elois, Vimy Ridge and Amiens. One hundred and seventy-two men were killed in action or died in service. Fifty-eight decorations for valour were awarded to members of the 91st Battalion.



Courtesy of Elgin County Archives, Box 140, #95453

Last roll call for the 91st Battalion at barracks, June 25, 1916 prior to leaving for Camp Valcartier and then overseas.

Poppy Plaques for deceased Southwold Veterans

There have been 382 placed on Tombstones by Lorne Spicer and helpers as of November 1, 2006.

Members of 91st Battalion from Southwold & St. Thomas

Auckland, Leon Russell	Lunn, Arthur Franklin
Austin, Arthur Edward	Manvell, Alfred
Austin, Edward	McLean, Harry
Barrie, James	McVey, John Kenneth
Bassett, Albert John	Molaskey, Arnold Richard
Berry, Edwin Victor	Page, Garfield Edwin
Bowes, George William	Palmer, George
Brown, Thomas James	Ramey, Cecil
Bye, John	Roulston, William John Adams Wray
Carter, John George	Rycroft, Ernest Edward
Chapple, George Henry	Simkins, George Henry
Clark, George Emery	Sloan, Edward Wesley
Clarke, Glen William	Smith, Henry James
Clarke, Guy Handford	Sparks, Ernest Ralph
Cole, Henry	Taylor, William H.
Coleman, Leonard James	Thomas, Charles Herbert
Cooper, James	Tomkinson, Albert Victor
Corman, George Ellis	Tomkinson, Frederick
Down, Samuel	Tufford, Norman Grant
Early, John Newell	Turner, Grafton
Farrah, John Roland	Wales, Ernest Leslie
Fox, Walter Henry	Walker, George Frederick
Gale, Arthur Austin	Ward, Charles Montague Bernard
Gill, Walter	Ward, Ernest Sidney
Hamilton, Lee	Watson, Herbert
Harris, Claude Norman	Webber, Edgar Mark
Hill, Thomas Edward	Welch, Cecil Levi
Holden, Percy Edwin	Welch, Hector Albert
Jackson, Ernest Edward	Welch, Herbert
Jones, Clarence	Welch, Henry
Kitson, Edward	West, Stanley
Laver, Bruce	Williams, Clarence James
Lawrence, James	Woods, George
Lodge, William Henderson	Woods, Nathan
Luckhurst, John Forest	Yeandle, Elmer Charles
Lumley, Arthur Willey	



DERBYSHIRE,
Donovan Emmerson

Donovan Emmerson **Derbyshire**, Pilot Officer (Bomb Aimer), enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Derbyshire of Southwold Station. He served with No. 419 Moose Squadron.

On May 23, 1944 Donovan's Lancaster aircraft No. KB717 was shot down 1 ½ miles south of Monchen-Gladbach at Genhulsen, Germany during a night operation against the City of Dortmund, in Germany. Pilot Officer Derbyshire and seven other members of the Lancaster's crew perished in the aircraft. This was Pilot Officer Derbyshire's 18th operation. He was 21 years old.

He was buried in Monchen-Gladbach, Germany and reburied in the War Cemetery in Rheinberg, Germany.

Donovan Derbyshire was one of the many young Canadians who paid the supreme sacrifice.

His sister, Ann Grimes, is laying the wreath today on behalf of the Silver Cross Families for Southwold Township.

Silver Cross Family 2006

2006 Year of the Bride

In 2006, Ontario and some other provinces are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the arrival of war brides to Canada. Nearly 48,000 brides and about 22,000 children arrived in Canada between 1942 and 1948. The brides were from all over war torn Europe and Great Britain. This was a major event in the history of immigration to Canada.

The war brides left all the familiar ties of home and came to make a new life in Canada. Imagine 1946, only 21 years old, married, pregnant and spending 10 days at sea on the Atlantic Ocean, sick in a berth, unable to eat and waiting to land in a strange country entirely new to you! Some had young children accompanying them. Some left their families with little notice because of wartime secrecy. It took great courage for these women. Some had horrible experiences with in-laws, family members, and some even were abandoned by their husbands once they arrived in Canada.

As members of Canadian communities these women helped to build and serve, and embarked on rich and satisfying lives. They worked hard and honestly. They raised children who prospered and now serve Canada in many ways.

During this past year, they have been honoured in Toronto at Queen's Park, and in London.

We thank and honour them.



Albert and Eileen (Honey) Hagerty
Married November 18, 1944

Bert and Eileen met in Aldershot, England in 1943. They married in Plymouth, England on November 18, 1944. Lance Corporal Albert Hagerty was a Canadian Military Policeman who guarded prisoners of war. On August 10, 1946, Eileen with baby Louis who was 6 months old, boarded the ship Aquitania for a seven day voyage to Canada. She left behind her parents, six brothers and three sisters, to join Bert and the Hagerty family in Canada. Eileen and Louis landed in Halifax August 15th and arrived in London, Ontario on August 17, 1946. Bert and Eileen lived on the family farm east of Fingal for many years. Their other children are Dave Hagerty and Marie Dubyk. They had been married for 59 years when Bert passed away on February 22, 2003.

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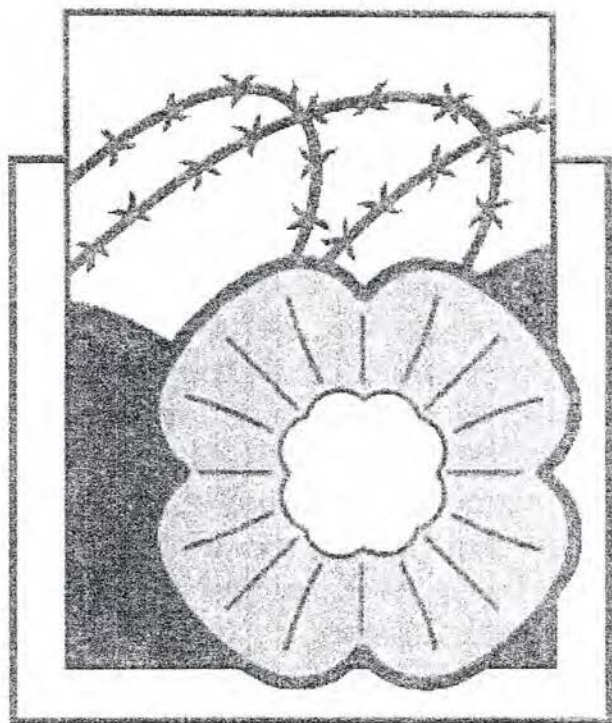
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Lest We Forget

*Remembrance Day Service
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Shedden, ON
Sunday, November 5, 2006*

ST. ANNE
236 From PSALM XC

Litany of Remembrance

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

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Lost Airman Salute	Stewart Brown
C.O.P.A. Flight 75 Flyover	Murray Smith
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MCLELLAN
Ross Campbell

Ross Campbell McLellan, Sergeant, SN R126941 enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in August 1941. He was the son of Archibald Duncan and Floraneal (McVicar) McLellan of Lawrence Station, Ontario. He was born November 1, 1919. He trained at Manning Pool in Toronto, Ontario, Jarvis, Ontario and MacDonald, Manitoba.

Ross was sent overseas in March 1943. He served with the 420 Squadron which was stationed in North Africa. Ross was reported missing on July 22, 1943 after combat. He was one of a crew of 5 Canadians in a Wellington bomber that failed to return after combat with the enemy in the Mediterranean Sea off of Sicily.

Ross was buried in the Cassino War Cemetery in Italy. He was 24 years old. He is listed in the Lawrence Kensington Club Tweedsmuir.

Ross McLellan was one of many young Canadians, along with his brother Eugene McLellan, who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Their brother Maurice McLellan is laying the wreath today on behalf of the Silver Cross Families for Southwold Township.

Silver Cross Family 2007



MCLELLAN
Eugene Wallace

Eugene Wallace McLellan, Private, SN A116825 enlisted in the Royal Canadian Intelligence Corps. He was the son of Archibald Duncan and Floraneal (McVicar) McLellan of Lawrence Station, Ontario. He was born in 1922.

Eugene served in the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, RCIC. He was killed in action Wednesday, July 5, 1944 at the age of 22. He is buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey, United Kingdom.

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Eugene McLellan was one of many young Canadians, along with his brother Ross McLellan, who paid the supreme sacrifice.

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Silver Cross Family 2007



SIFTON
Ellis Wellwood

Ellis Wellwood Sifton, V.C. 1891-1917 (22 years old)

"Born and educated in Wallacetown, Sifton joined the 18th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, in October 1914. During the attack on Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917, his Company was held up by the fire of a German machine gun. Lance - Sergeant Sifton charged it single-handed, killed the crew and held the position against enemy counter attack until his comrades arrived. In carrying out this gallant act he was killed but his conspicuous valour undoubtedly saved many lives and contributed to the success of the operation. The British Empire's highest award for military valour, the Victoria Cross, was awarded posthumously to Ellis Sifton."

This quote is from the Memorial Plaque in front of St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnell.

Ellis Sifton's medals are the Victoria Cross, 1914-15 Star, War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Ellis Sifton was buried at the Lichfield Crater, Thelus, Pas de Calais, France.

The Victoria Cross was created in 1855. It is the highest award for military valour within the British Commonwealth. Since its creation, 94 Canadians have been honoured with the award.

"All is Well With Ellis Tonight" is a book containing letters sent home to the family from Ellis Sifton and edited by Jeffrey Booth, 2007. It is available at The Elgin Military Museum.

Flags at Memorial Site

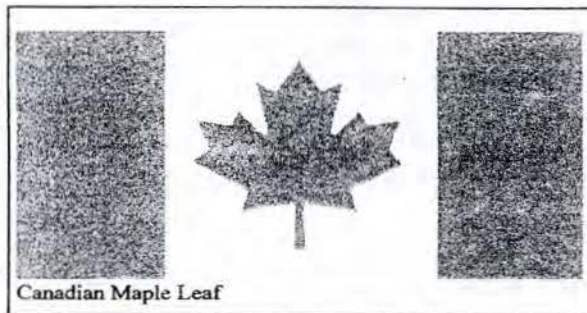
The sole function of any flag is to send a message. A national flag sends the message of nationality.

The Municipality of Southwold proudly flies four flags at our Remembrance Day Service each November.

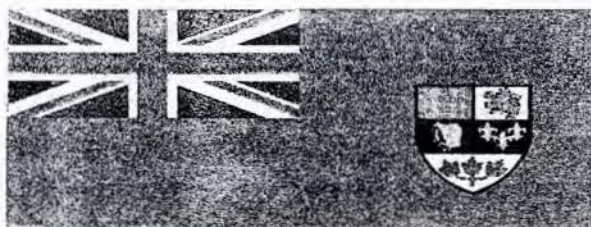
We honour the Canadian Flag and three service ensigns, the main flags by which the Canadian Armed Services were identified prior to 1965.

1. **Canadian Maple Leaf**, our national flag, has the place of prominence at the highest elevation. By Proclamation, the Maple Leaf Flag became the flag of Canada on February 15, 1965. Since that time, Canadian men and women have served in armed forces with pride and honour for the red Maple Leaf.
2. **Canadian Red Ensign**. For nearly a century after Confederation, Canadians flew this flag to distinguish themselves from all others. This red flag features the British Union Flag (jack) in canton (upper left quadrant) and the badge of Canada on the fly (that part of the flag opposite the staff). We fly this flag to represent the Canadian Army.
3. **White Ensign** was the war ensign of the United Kingdom and of Canada between 1910 and 1965. It is a white flag bearing Saint George's cross on the fly and the Union Jack on the canton. When the Royal Canadian Navy came into existence on May 4, 1910, it chose the White Ensign of Britain's Royal Navy for the stern and the Blue Ensign from Canada's Fishery Protection Service as a jack at the bow. We fly this flag in tribute to Canadian sailors in the Royal Canadian Navy.
4. **RCAF Blue Ensign**. Canadians served as pilots, observers and ground support staff in the British Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service during WWI. On April 1, 1918 they amalgamated to be called the Royal Air Force. Canada formed its own Royal Canadian Air Force on April 1, 1924. The RCAF ensign was identical to the RAF ensign with a light blue background with the British Union Jack. In 1940 a red maple leaf in the centre of the roundel differentiated the RCAF ensign. We fly this flag to honour the Veterans of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

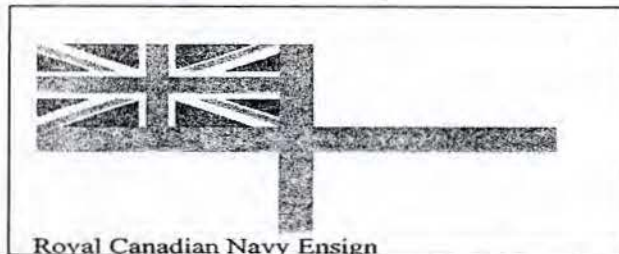
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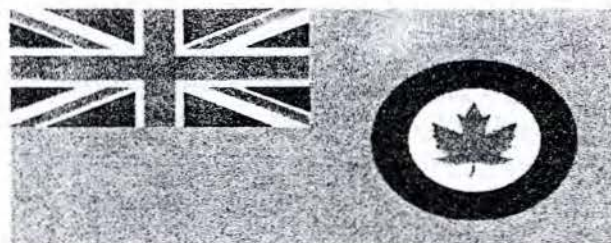
Canadian Maple Leaf



Canadian Red Ensign



Royal Canadian Navy Ensign



Royal Canadian Air Force Ensign

Missing Man Formation

The missing man formation is an aerial salute performed as part of a flyover of aircraft at a funeral or memorial event; typically in memory of a fallen pilot. This formation is called "the missing man flyby".

Several variants of the formation are seen. The formation most commonly used is based on the "finger four" four – aircraft combat formation. The aircraft fly in a "V" shape with the flight leader at the point and his wingman following his left. The second – element leader follows on the flight leader's right, and his wingman follows on his right. Thus, as seen from the front, the "V"s left leg is longer than its right. This formation flies over the ceremony low enough to be clearly seen and when directly over the site, the second – element leader executes an abrupt pull-up, while the rest of the formation continues in level flight until all aircraft are out of sight.

In all cases, the person performing the pull-up, split off, or being missing, represents the fact that the person or persons honoured has departed us.

The first funeral flyover of aircraft occurred during WWI when British fighter pilots honoured the funeral of German ace Manfred von Richthofen (The Red Baron).

We honour all of Southwold Township's departed veterans with this magnificent aerial tribute.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Tom Hawkins for his patronage of the annual Southwold flyover. Mr. Hawkins' brother, SGT. Edwin D. Hawkins died in a flight training accident August 12, 1944. He was stationed at No. 4 Bombing & Gunnery School, Fingal.



Poppy Plaques

Lorne Spicer and other helpers have applied 604 poppy plaques to Southwold Veteran's tombstones in Elgin County, St. Thomas and other cemeteries. The Veteran's family has approved every plaque that is applied.

There are 86 poppy plaques on hand. Let our committee know if any Veteran has been missed.

Thanks to all who put up displays today

1. The Elgin Military Museum, St. Thomas
Ian Raven
2. Elgin County Museum, Michael Baker
3. Fingal United Church/Boxall W.I.
4. Middlemarch Women's Institute
5. Shedden Women's Institute
6. Memorial Committee

Books

Southwold Remembers.. The War Years
Southwold Remembers.. #4 B & G School - Fingal
Southwold Remembers.. The Fingal Observer

Thanks to all including

Captain George Shaw, Captain Mike Yates CO
No 741 Elgin Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
Captain Mike Bridgman CO
No 2884 West Elgin Army Cadet Corps
Ron Jewell CD
Bill Webster – Memorial Crosses
Mary Clutterbuck – Photographer
Keith Orchard & Ken Humphries – P.A. System
Southwold Township Volunteer Fire Department
Rosy Rhubarb Committee

Refreshments served by Boxall Women's Institute

Southwold Township Veteran's Memorial Committee

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	Len Lynch
	Noble Tufford
	Mary Clutterbuck
	Perry Clutterbuck
	Pat Temple
	Blair Ferguson
	Hugh Orchard
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Southwold Remembers...



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