



Castle Kilbride launches “Wilmot Remembers” project

Baden, ON – November 1, 2021 – As we prepare for Remembrance Day, the staff at Castle Kilbride are pleased to share a unique project entitled *Wilmot Remembers*. This past year, museum staff have been working behind the scenes to offer a new resource that will support local educators and interested residents as we prepare for this important day of reflection.

Since 1918, Wilmot has remembered. The first plans for a cenotaph began when interested residents met at the library hall in New Hamburg to discuss the formation of a monument in honour of New Hamburg’s fallen heroes. Two cenotaphs were built between 1922 and 1929 and six decades later in 1989, a new granite cenotaph was built honouring those that died while serving in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

In New Dundee, a stone and iron gate at the entrance to the community park, known as Memorial Gate, was erected by the community, and unveiled in 1948. This memorial was dedicated to honour those of New Dundee who gave their lives for freedom in the Second World War.

In Baden, a cenotaph is located on the lower level inside the Township of Wilmot Administration Office and in partnership with the New Hamburg Legion several display cases created by museum staff highlight Wilmot’s participation in war and remembrance of their service for the public to view.

Throughout Wilmot Township, many street and road names display poppies on the sign in honour of those that served so Wilmot remembers.

[Wilmot Remembers](#) project focuses specifically on local soldiers that lost their lives during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Individual biographies of each of these soldiers compiled by Castle Kilbride staff are available to the public to gain further insight. “This project has been years of hard work and dedication from many local individuals and groups such as the New Hamburg Legion, Harold O’Krafka and Ernie Ritz. To have a collective source to learn from and continue to honour those from Wilmot that made the ultimate sacrifice is important,” said Assistant Curator Sherri Gropp.

Using a smart phone, visit one of the four locations in Wilmot Township and scan the unique QR codes found on the “Wilmot Remembers” signs. Locations of signs can be found at: The New Hamburg Cenotaph (Huron Street beside the Library), the New Hamburg Legion (65 Boullee Street), New Dundee Community Park gates (1370 Main Street) and the front fence of Castle Kilbride (60 Snyder’s Road West, Baden). Information is also readily

available by visiting the museum website for the link to the soldier's biographies as well as hard copies available for viewing at the museum.

Castle Kilbride staff encourages everyone to take a moment and explore this project to learn about these brave soldiers. To support Remembrance Day [education](#) at a local level, specific supplementary activities for elementary students as well as Grade 10 curriculum has been shared with principals at all Wilmot Township schools.

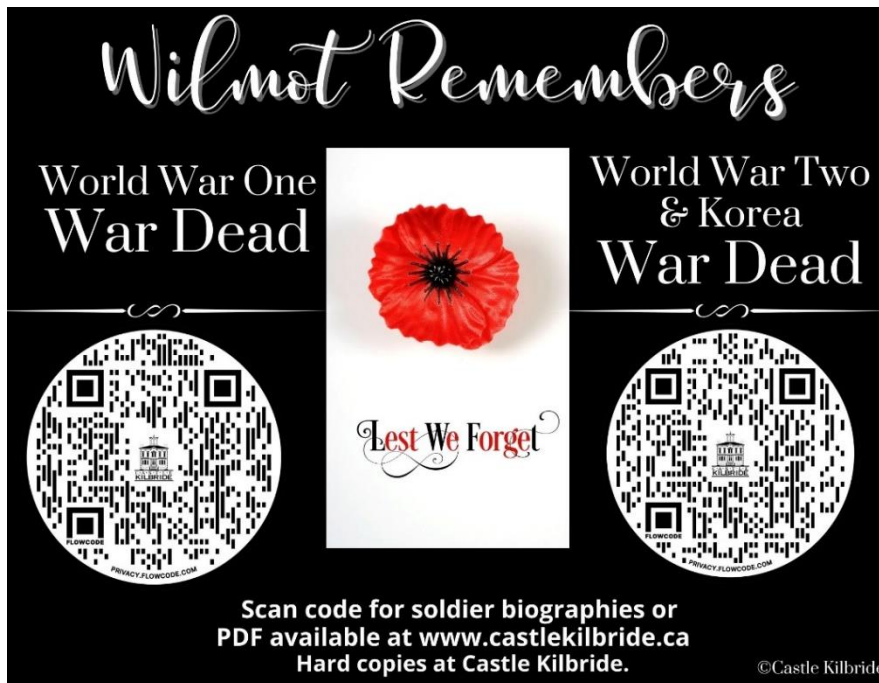
Lest We Forget...

For information about the museum, current exhibits, and specific protocol, visit www.CastleKilbride.ca or follow us on Facebook @CastleKilbride.

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