



North Grenville Sites of Remembrance

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Premise

A visit to the Municipality of North Grenville would not be complete without a tour of local Sites of Remembrance and Tributes to Canadian Veterans of all Wars and Military Conflicts.

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VETERANS WAY

**275 County Road #44
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0**

National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-073

Map Reference 1 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 01.506' / W 075° 39.367'



Veterans Way is a one kilometre secondary Municipal roadway within the Ferguson Forest Centre that links Leeds-Grenville County Road #44 to Honour Way to the east. Stroll along Veterans Way and take a moment to pause and view the names and military service of local Veterans that are cast in commemorative bronze plaques and placed at the bases of trees lining both sides of the roadway.

The individual Veterans Way commemorative bronze plaques are listed in groupings of four under of the following National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials (NICMM) registration numbers: 35041-012, 35041-014, 35041-016, 35041-017, 35041-021, 35041-037 and 35041-045.

Veterans Way Background Information

The original concept for a "Living Memorial" came to the forefront when local resident Owen Fitz'Gerald, Past Chairman of the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors, made a battlefield pilgrimage to Normandy, France. Fitz'Gerald was emotionally drawn to the many rows of graves and markers in Remembrance of the Fallen. The sight both haunted and inspired him, which resulted in his idea and recommendation for a tree-lined memorial roadway at the Ferguson Forest Centre.

Based upon his vision and active participation, an existing roadway at the Ferguson Forest Centre was designated and named Veterans Way, with the full support of the Municipality of North Grenville, the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors and the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212.

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VETERANS WAY - continued...

On May 25, 2002, special guests representing various civil and military organizations, along with members of the general public, were in attendance at the official dedication of Veterans Way. A special plaque honouring military personnel who served during the First World War was unveiled and the first memorial tree was planted by the Leeds-Grenville Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament.

As of September 30, 2017, there are twenty-eight commemorative bronze plaques spaced along the Veterans Way roadway, which serve to recognize and honour thirty local Veterans who paid the Supreme Sacrifice or saw service with the Canadian, British and United States of America Armed Forces.

A binder containing their stories is available for public viewing by visiting the Reception Desk at the Ferguson Forest Centre Administration Building. A second copy of the binder is held by the North Grenville Historical Society at 15 Water Street, Kemptville, Ontario, Map Reference 6.

North Side Commemorative Plaques

SERGEANT THOMAS C. FITZ'GERALD
 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER HUGH E. TAYLOR
 MAJOR COLIN D. MUNROE *and*
 NURSE SHIRLEY S. MUNROE
 RIFLEMAN KENNETH A. EWING
 FLIGHT SERGEANT ARTHUR C. EWING
 PRIVATE LYMAN WADEY
 GUARDSMAN THOMAS W. GREEN
 LIEUTENANT KEN D. WALLACE
 WARRANT OFFICER DAVID A. PATCHELL
 PRIVATE WILLIAM R. TUSHINGHAM
 CAPTAIN WILLIAM T. THORPE
 ROGER LAJOIE
 CORPORAL ERNEST W. DIXON
 FLYING OFFICER BERNARD McMAHON
 SERGEANT ARCHIBALD C. DELANEY
 FLIGHT SERGEANT FRANK C. BOYD
 KENNETH E. BRUCE
 FLYING OFFICER WILLIAM BUCHANAN
 SERGEANT JAMES F. STACE
 WILLIAM STUART H. BROOKS
 PETTY OFFICER DOUGLAS A. GIBSON
 WARRANT OFFICER TERRY SMART

South Side Commemorative Plaques

LANCE CORPORAL JAMES M. FITZ'GERALD
 EDWARD ALLEN GRAHAM
 J. STANLEY FLYNN *and*
 CHRISTINE ROSS FLYNN
 JOHN M. GRAHAM
 PRIVATE REUBEN H. BUCKLAND
 WARRANT OFFICER J. LEO GIROUX

Source: "History of Veterans Way" by Roy Brown.

VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK

275 County Road #44
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-076

Map Reference 2 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 01.519' / W 075° 39.356'



The Veterans Way Memorial Park is a special site of Remembrance and Reflection that was created to honour all those that served, and continue to serve, in the Canadian, British and United States of America Armed Forces. The Memorial Park forms part of the western gateway to the Ferguson Forest Centre and is located at the intersection of Leeds-Grenville County Road #44 and Veterans Way.

Veterans Way Memorial Park Background

The concept for a Veterans Way Memorial Park was brought to the attention of North Grenville Municipal Council through a Site and Business Plan that was developed by the Veterans Way Memorial Committee, comprised of Owen Fitz'Gerald, Chairman, Roy Brown, Communications Officer, Councillor Tim Sutton, Municipal Council representative and Douglas Brunton, member.

The Site and Business Plan was unanimously approved and adopted by Council on August 8, 2011 under "By-Law No. 55/11, a By-Law to Establish a Public Park to be Known As Veterans Way Memorial Park."

During the years that followed, three flagpoles proudly flying the Canadian, Royal Union (Union Jack) and United States of America flags were added to the site, along with park identification signage, two steel park benches, and finally, an M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument.

Site and Furnishing Sponsorships**Canadian Flagpole****Municipality of North Grenville:**

In recognition of our Canadian military personnel and their service to Canada and the Commonwealth.

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VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK - Site and Furnishing Sponsorships - continued...

Royal Union Flagpole (co-sponsorship)

Cheryl Brown:

In Honour and Remembrance of her father, Royal Canadian Air Force Flight Sergeant James Albert Shipman, who served during the Second World War.

Roy Brown:

In Honour and Remembrance of his grandfather, Royal Canadian Army Company Sergeant Major Christopher George Brown, formerly of the British Royal Horse Artillery, who served during the First World War, and his father, Lance Corporal Clarence Frederick Brown, who served with the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War.

Owen Fitz'Gerald:

In Honour and Remembrance of his father, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Lance Corporal James M. Fitz'Gerald, who served during the Second World War, and his brother, Sergeant Thomas C. Fitz'Gerald, who served with the American 82nd Airborne during the Korean War.

Ernest Polisen, OBE (Order of the British Empire recipient):

Who is remembered for his service with the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War.

United States of America Flagpole

The executive and members of the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212.

Site Signage

Provided by the Veterans Way Memorial Committee.

Steel Park Benches with Bronze Sponsorship Plaques

Owen Fitz'Gerald as an individual, and,

The Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors of the day, including John Wilson, President, and Directors Alf Campbell, Douglas Brunton, Carl Doucette, Owen Fitz'Gerald, Nadene Grattan, Sally Hamilton, Adam Shewchuk and Chief Operating Officer Ed Patchell.

M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument

The Veterans Way Memorial Park features a Canadian Armed Forces M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument and Gate Guard, which was made available to our community through the "Guns for Monuments Program" offered by the Department of National Defence. The decommissioned and demilitarized Howitzer bears CFR# 68-34837, Serial Number 2487.

By way of a brief backgrounder, this Howitzer was part of a fleet of seventy-six (76) guns that served with the 1st and 3rd Regiments of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1RCHA & 3RCHA) and the 5^e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5RALC). The Howitzers were deployed at Military Bases in Canada and Germany from 1968, until they were declared surplus to the needs of the Canadian Armed Forces and withdrawn from service in 2005.

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VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK - M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument - continued...

A video of the delivery and placement of the Veterans Way Memorial Park M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer can be viewed in an eighteen minute YouTube presentation that may be accessed by using the following internet link: <http://youtu.be/MH8z0ZLH-jY> or by entering "Howitzer of North Grenville" in an Internet Browser search field.

Walk-Around Perspective

The M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer has an all-welded armoured aluminium hull and turret designed to protect the crew from small arms fire and shrapnel.

Driver control access is made through a hatch cover on the top left front of the hull, with three M45 periscopes that provide a forward line of sight when the hatch is closed.

The engine and transmission compartment is positioned to the right front of the driver's position just forward of the turret.

The gunner is normally seated inside the turret and to the left of the cannon, while the assistant gunner occupies a seat to the right side of the cannon. Both gunnery positions have hatches on the left and right sides of the turret that open rearward. The turret is capable of rotating in a 360 degree radius and is equipped with an M27 periscope for viewing targets and terrain when the top hatch is closed.

The commander's position has a hatch cover on top of the turret (cupola) that opens towards the rear of the Howitzer. A pintle bracket for an M2 HB .50 calibre machine gun for secondary air/local defence is mounted on top of the turret to the front of the commander's hatch.

There are two outward opening doors at the rear of the turret equipped with a honeycomb-like rack, which was used to house a supply of on-board ammunition. Another set of larger doors at ground level at the rear of the hull served to provide access to the interior for the gunners and ammunition loaders.

The vehicle could be stabilized when firing the gun by manually lowering two large retractable "spades" located on the left and right rear outside corners of the hull.

M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Specifications		
Crew	Commander, two gunners, two ammunition handlers and the driver	
Weight (empty)	23,586 kilograms	51,998 pounds
Combat loaded	24,938 kilograms	54,978 pounds
Overall Height	3.0 metres	10 feet - to top of turret
Overall Width	3.0 metres	10 feet
Overall Length	9.1 metres	30 feet - including armament (cannon)
Primary Armament	M178 155mm cannon	
Secondary armament	M2 HB .50 calibre machine gun (commonly referred to as "Ma Deuce")	
Maximum Speed	56.3 kph with a range of 349 km. / 35 mph with a range of 217 miles	

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VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK - continued...

Veterans Way Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony

The Veterans Way Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 27, 2015 and began with a field concert performed by the prestigious Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces. The ceremony was well attended by local dignitaries, special guests and Veterans representing the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS), Provincial and Zone Command officers of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL), the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada (NVOC), along with retired and serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, their families and friends.

During the ceremony, a dedication plaque erected on a podium style base in front of the M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer was unveiled, which reads as follows:

"This Memorial Monument was donated to the Municipality of North Grenville and the Veterans Way Memorial Committee by the Department of National Defence, and is dedicated to the memory of those that have served, and to those that continue to serve, the noble cause of Freedom and Democracy as members of the Canadian Armed Forces."

Veterans Way Memorial Park Commemorative Tree Plantings

The Veterans Way Memorial Park site is maintained by way of a mutual agreement with the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors. In conjunction with the wishes of the Veterans Way Memorial Committee, the Ferguson Forest Centre Nursery Operations staff planted several large calliper trees and ornamentals as memorial tributes to those that have paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

Most recently, seven commemorative trees were added to the central area of the Memorial Park just north of the flagpoles:

- 1 - **Six Nations Tree of Peace** - Eastern White Pine / *Pinus strobus*
- 2 - **First World War** - White Oak / *Quercus alba*
- 3 - **Second World War** - Red Oak / *Quercus rubra*
- 4 - **Korean War** - Bur Oak / *Quercus macrocarpa*
- 5 - **Persian Gulf War** - Red Maple / *Acer rubrum*
- 6 - **Afghanistan** - Hard Maple / *Acer saccharum*
- 7 - **United Nations and NATO Peacekeeping** - Silver Maple / *Acer saccharinum*

Note: The seven trees are planted in a "V" for Victory configuration and are individually identified by way of a legend plaque erected on a post in front of the Six Nations Tree of Peace.

A formal Tree Dedication Ceremony was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, which was presided over by the Ferguson Forest Centre Board of Directors.

Source: "History of the Veterans Way Memorial Park" by Roy Brown.

NORTH GRENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTRE

**285 County Road #44
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0
Telephone: (613) 258-9569**

Map Reference 3 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 01.460' / W 075° 39.276'

**Background Information**

North Grenville residents Warrant Officer Jason Ritchie and Petty Officer 2nd Class David Cox of the Canadian Armed Forces made a joint presentation to North Grenville Council in June of 2010, requesting that they be provided with a North Grenville Municipal flag to hoist at the entrance to Camp David Smith in Afghanistan during their tour of duty at the Base.

On the conclusion of their rotation, the soldiers returned the flag to our community and formally presented it to Mayor David Gordon and Municipal Council during a special Flag Repatriation Ceremony held during the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 14, 2011.

A framed glass display case containing the flag is located in the Municipal Centre main lobby area above the entrance doors on the north wall, along with a photograph and information plaque that is affixed to the east wall near the access doors to the Municipal Arenas.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

**503 Clothier Street West
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0
Telephone: (613) 258-3377**

Map Reference 4 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.720' / W 075° 39.204'

**HONOUR ROLL**

ALBERT ARCAND
A/C. CLARENCE ARCAND
BERNARD ARCAND
GNR. CECIL ARCAND
LAWSON ARCAND
N/S. GLADYS ARCAND
A/C. THOMAS CHARLEBOIS
PTE. CYRIL COSTELLO
PTE. HARRY FLANNIGAN
LAC. JACK HIGGINS

SGT. M.J. LAMPING
BEATRICE MARTINEAU
PTE. HERBERT MARTINEAU
DRIVER PETER MONTROY
CPL. WILFRED MULDOON
L/CPL. HONORA MULLEN
LAC. LEO MULLEN
CHARLES O'CALLAGHAN
F/O CLAUDE O'CALLAGHAN
F/O FRED O'CALLAGHAN

SGT. GERALD O'CALLAGHAN
CPL. HIRAM F. O'CALLAGHAN
P/O JOSEPH O'REILLY
LAC. NORBERT O'REILLY
A/C. WILLIAM O'REILLY
SGT. PILOT REDMOND ROCHE
PTE. GERALD SWAIN
LAC. LEVIUS SWAIN

The front lawn of the Holy Cross Church property features a grey granite statue of Jesus Christ with outstretched arms. The north side of the base of the statue facing the Church has an inscription which reads:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN TWO WORLD WARS

Source: Courtesy of Reverend Andrew B. Shim, Pastor.

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

**35 Clothier Street West
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0
Telephone: (613) 258-2562**

Map Reference 5 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.939' / W 075° 38.921'



IN REMEMBRANCE

St. James Anglican Church has two large brass plaques that honour members of the congregation who volunteered and served during the First and Second World Wars.

The following information and names are engraved on the Honour Rolls:

1914 - 1919

IN LOVING AND HONOURED MEMORY OF THOSE FROM THIS PARISH
WHO SERVED THEIR KING AND COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR.

IN MEMORIUM

HARRY J. CARSON
THOMAS J. BECKETT
HARRY M. MAXWELL

GEORGE GRAY
CHARLES W. HURLBERT

HONOUR ROLL

NURSE BERTA E. SMITH

ALBERT E. BALL
HARVEY C. BARNES
J. MERRITT DOW
CLARENCE L. DICKINSON
CHARLES F. DUKE
JAMES ELIGH
CLIFFORD A. FIELDING
WILLIAM E. FLOYDE
JAMES A. HERLBERT
HAROLD BENNETT THOMPSON

NURSE ISABEL WILLIS

GEORGE W. KING
J. HARRY LANGSTAFF
ISAAC M. MAXWELL
FRANK E. McLELLAN
JOHN A. McCORMICK
WILLIAM A. McCLENAGHAN
GEORGE W. TRICKETT
J. HAROLD WYLIE
NORMAN WYLIE

"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"

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ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH - Honour Rolls - continued...

1939 - 1945

IN LOVING AND HONOURED MEMORY
OF THOSE FROM THIS PARISH
WHO SERVED THEIR KING AND
COUNTRY IN THE SECOND GREAT WAR

IN MEMORIUM

DAVID D. TAYLOR
EDGAR LEACH

GUY J.H. McELROY

HONOUR ROLL

LENNUS L. ANDERSON
LESLIE L. ANDERSON
E.L. BARNES, **NS**
J.C. BOND
S.R. BURTON
C.W. CHRISTIE
G.C. CONNELL
C.B. COWDY, **MM**
J.J. DAVIS
K.M. DAVIS
A.J. DICKINSON
H.B. DICKINSON
W.T. DILLON
J.A. DOBSON
P.J. DOUGHERTY
J.A. DOLAN
E.M. EVOY
C.F. EVOY
J.S. FLYNN
J.A. FRISBY
J.R.C. GAW
K.W. GOODE
D.T.J. HARRIS
F.J. HIGGINS
W.J. HOY
D.A. IRELAND
G.H. KINGSTON
J.G. LANGSTAFF
T.A.K. LANGSTAFF, **MBE**

H. LANGSTAFF
G.W. LATIMER
A.H. LOGSDAIL
E.G. MAUD
C.F. MARTIN
S. McCAPPIN
W.H. McELROY
J.A. McINTOSH
W.J. McLENAGHAN
F.J. PARISH
C.M. QUINN
G.A. REDDICK
T.R. ROSS, P.O.W.
W.E. SADLER
A.M. SPARKS
W.H. STOREY
C.F.E. STOREY
R.J. STEVENSON
W.E. STEELE
N.A. TAYLOR
J.H. THOMPSON
W.W. THOMPSON
D.L. THOMPSON
W.H. VANVOLKENBURG
C.E. VANVOLKENBURG
REV. A.G. WAKELIN, L.Th.
GARNET R. WORKMAN, **CG**
GORDON R. WORKMAN

THE PEOPLE WILL TELL OF THEIR WISDOM AND THE
CONGREGATION WILL SHEW FORTH THEIR PRAISE

NS Not Known
MM Military Medal
MBE Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
CG Croix de Guerre

Source: With the assistance of Doug MacDonald, Church Historian.

NORTH GRENVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Old Kemptville Town Hall / Courthouse
15 Water Street - Second Floor
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0
Telephone: (613) 258-4401**

Map Reference 6 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.986' / W 075° 38.722'



The North Grenville Historical Society (NGHS) has a collection of North Grenville military history, research materials and artefacts that are available for viewing during normal business hours.

More information and hours of operation may be obtained by calling the office or by visiting the North Grenville Historical Society website at www.northgrenvillehistoricalsociety.ca.

PTE. BLAKE WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL HALL

Formerly known as the Armoury Building
25 Reuben Crescent
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-077

Map Reference 7 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.865' / W 075° 38.777'

**Historical Background Information on the Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall**

Erected at the edge of Riverside Park about 1912, Sir Sam Hughes Armouries, was built by Robert Beggs of Hallville and possibly designed by David Ewart. It is very similar in design to Armouries in other Canadian towns. In the fall of 1919 the Kemptville Branch of the Great War Veterans Association was formed and they were allowed to hold their weekly meetings here. There was a firing range in the basement where the High School Cadets had rifle practice and the hall was sometimes used for dances.

In 1968, the Fire Hall was moved here from the Town Hall, and the building was renovated to accommodate the trucks. It remained a Fire Hall until 2009.

An historical information plaque was erected at this site by the Municipality of North Grenville and it is located to the right of the hall entrance on the south east side of the building.

Source: Municipality of North Grenville Walking Tours / Dr. David Shanahan.
<http://www.explorenorthgrenville.ca/prescott-street>

Note:

This building is currently used by the Navy League of Canada as a Base and Training Facility for the 338 Defiant Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps and the Assiniboine Navy League Cadets Corps.

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PTE. BLAKE WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL HALL - continued...

**Namesake: Private Blake Neil Williamson, age 23 years
Canadian Armed Forces
Royal Canadian Regiment, 1st Battalion, Charles Company**

Private Williamson was a former resident of North Grenville who was killed by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade attack on October 14, 2006, while serving with the Canadian Armed Forces in the Panjwa'i District of Southern Kandahar, Afghanistan. Following his death, he was honoured on several occasions by this community as indicated below:

A "Wreath Laying Ceremony" in Williamson's honour was held on Friday, October 20, 2006 in the Kemptville Armoury and was attended by his family, friends and members of the community. During the Memorial Service, Remembrance Tributes were offered by Gord Brown, MP, Leeds-Grenville, Bob Runciman, MPP, Leeds-Grenville and North Grenville Mayor William G. Gooch.

In late 2006, Mayor Gooch suggested that the Municipality have Williamson's name inscribed on the Kemptville Cenotaph, in conjunction with a joint funding restoration application that local resident Roy Brown had filed with the Veterans Affairs Canada Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program. The application was approved by Veterans Affairs Canada and financially supported with joint funding from that agency and the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212 Poppy Trust Fund. The Municipality, as promised, provided funding to cover the expense of adding Williamson's name to the back panel of the base of the statue.

It should be noted that the Williamson inscription was the first name to be added to the Kemptville Cenotaph since the Second World War.

The restorative work and addition of Williamson's name was completed in the Spring of 2007, well in advance of the Kemptville Cenotaph Rededication Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2007. Williamson's officers, Padre and fellow soldiers of the Royal Canadian Regiment, 1st Battalion, Charles Company were in attendance.

During the ceremony, Williamson's mother, Heather Anderson-Benedict, stepped forward and presented a framed portrait of her son to the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212 on behalf of the family members. The portrait is displayed in the Upper Hall of the Legion building and Williamson is the only member of the military who died in battle that is honoured in this manner by Branch #212.

On April 17, 2016, the Municipal Clerk's Office received correspondence from Councillor Donovan Arnaud, requesting that consideration be given to naming the Armoury Building after Private Williamson. Municipal Council reviewed and discussed his request, which met the conditions and intent of *By-Law 72-12, A By-Law to Establish a Naming Rights Policy*. At the Regular Council Meeting of July 25, 2016, Council voted unanimously in favour of naming the Armoury Building in memory of Private Blake Neil Williamson with the passage of the following Resolution:

Resolution C-2016-096 - *"That the Armoury Building located at 25 Reuben Crescent in Kemptville be named "The Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall."*

On Remembrance Day, Friday, November 11, 2016, a formal Dedication Ceremony for the renaming of the Armoury Building was hosted by the Municipality of North Grenville, presided over by members of Williamson's former regiment. A dedication plaque located to the left of the hall entrance on the south east side of the building was unveiled by North Grenville Mayor David Gordon and Major-General Omer Lavoie, Commanding Officer of the 1st Canadian Division (Williamson's former commanding officer) on that date.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - KEMPTVILLE BRANCH #212

**100 Reuben Crescent
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0
Telephone (613) 258-5734**

Map Reference 8 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.864' / W 075° 38.748'

**A brief history of the Kemptville Branch #212 Building**

Historically speaking, the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212 was granted a Charter, dated April 17, 1932, under the authority of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League as it was known at the time. During the early days of membership within this National Veterans Organization, members held their meetings and social events in the Armoury Building and at other public venues in the Town of Kemptville.

As the local membership base increased, the Kemptville Legion members took that opportunity to design, fund and erect their own meeting hall. The Town of Kemptville Municipal Council kindly provided a parcel of land for the proposed structure at the entrance to Riverside Park and the Legion members began sourcing materials and building supplies to commence erecting the building. It is interesting to note that the majority of the lumber and other building materials came from a military "H" hut at a former Army Camp in Brockville, Ontario, which was dismantled piece by piece and transported to the Kemptville Legion site.

Volunteer labour, donations in kind and fundraising were essential in covering the costs to erect the building and work slowly progressed between 1953 and 1956. The official opening of the Legion Building and Hall took place on Saturday, July 6, 1957. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Kemptville Centennial Celebrations and in honour of the July 6, 1944 Anniversary of D-Day. However, a cornerstone or dedication plaque signifying the importance of that event, or who or what the building was dedicated to, was not laid or attached to the structure at that time.

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, the executive and members held a Dedication Ceremony in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Building and Hall. To mark the occasion, a special Dedication Plaque was affixed to the building in honour of the courageous men and women of the Town of Kemptville, Oxford-on-Rideau and South Gower, who gave up their lives in military service to Canada and the Commonwealth. The plaque was formally unveiled by Sharon Murray, President, Branch #212, Gord Brown, Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes and North Grenville Mayor David Gordon. The plaque is located to the left of the main entrance doors.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

KEMPTVILLE CENOTAPH

National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-018
304 Prescott Street (County Road #44)
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

Map Reference 9 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.871' / W 075° 38.606'



The Kemptville Cenotaph is located at the former site of the North Grenville District High School on the west side of Prescott Street.

Kemptville Cenotaph Background Information

The Kemptville Cenotaph honours local military personnel who paid the Supreme Sacrifice, and those that served, during the First and Second World Wars, Korea and most recently, Afghanistan.

The Cenotaph was designed and manufactured in 1921, using seven blocks of Stanstead grey granite from the Beebe, Quebec quarry and includes the statue of a young soldier, bases and shafts.

The following is an excerpt from a speech made by Reeve Dr. W.F. Storey that was published in the local Weekly Advance, dated Thursday, November 10, 1921, entitled "Lest We Forget."

"He was reminded that just a year ago the president had gently reproved the civic fathers for their procrastination in the erection of a memorial, but was pleased to announce

that through the co-operation of the Women's Institute, the Town Council, the Oxford Township Council, and, he hoped, the Council of the Township of South Gower, the ground had been broken, a memorial monument ordered and he hoped that before long it would be completed and erected."

The reference to "President" refers to Corporal H.F. O'Callaghan, who was the President of the local Great War Veterans Association (GWVA).

During the month of May the following year, the Kemptville Cenotaph was erected on the north side lot of the old Kemptville Post Office, through the combined efforts of the Women's Institute of the day and the Town of Kemptville, Oxford-on-Rideau and South Gower Councils.

An unveiling ceremony for the Cenotaph was planned by the Great War Veterans Association and held on Saturday, June 3, 1922. From that day forward, the Town of Kemptville and surrounding Townships had an official monument in Honour and Remembrance of the Fallen. The Cenotaph continues to be the site of Remembrance Day Services during the years that followed.

In November 1969, the Kemptville Town Council had the Cenotaph relocated to the front lawn of the North Grenville District High School, as the Post Office building was scheduled to be demolished the following year.

Several binders containing information on the individuals whose names are inscribed on the Kemptville Cenotaph are available for public viewing by visiting the North Grenville Historical Society Archives at 15 Water Street, Kemptville, Ontario, Map Reference 6.

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KEMPTVILLE CENOTAPH - continued...**HONOUR ROLL**

ERECTED TO
OUR HONOURED DEAD
AND THOSE WHO CARRIED ON
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918
FROM KEMPTVILLE
OXFORD & SOUTH GOWER

1939-1945

KOREA
1950 - 1953

North Shaft | 1914 - 1918

MAJOR H. HUTCHINS
CAPT. J.H. MacDIARMID
LIEUT. A.E. OAKES
SGT. A. DILLANE
SGT. J. BENNETT
SGT. R.P. BARR, [D.C.M.](#)
[D.C.M.](#) Distinguished Conduct Medal
PTE. G. GREY
PTE. R. MacKEY
PTE. H.J. CARSON
PTE. H. MAXWELL
PTE. N.B. LAPLANTE
PTE. C.D. O'LEARY
PTE. A. ARCAND
PTE. T.A. ARCAND
PTE. H. ANDREWS
PTE. J.E. ARCAND
PTE. W. STEWART
PTE. C.A. HURLBERT

South Shaft | 1914 - 1918

PTE. M.L. CARLIN
PTE. J. MORAN
PTE. T.J. BECKETT
PTE. A. CALEY
PTE. E. DAVIE
PTE. G. HOWEY
PTE. J.E. McCRUM
PTE. H.M. McCRUM
PTE. E. HASTING
PTE. A. IRVINE
PTE. S. HUDSON
PTE. W. COPPING
PTE. J.A. JEFFREY
PTE. J. HUMPHREY
PTE. A. MacDIARMID
PTE. A. WORLDS
PTE. A. SCOTT
PTE. I. COOPER
PTE. J.A. STEWART

North Shaft | 1939 - 1945

L/BDR. H.W. COWIE
GNR. A.S. ROBINSON
PTE. D.L. CRAWFORD
PTE. S. BLACK
PTE. G. WAGNER
PTE. J. SHEARER

South Shaft | 1939 - 1945

P/O W.L. BUCHANAN
F/SGT. H.L. BROWN
F/SGT. G.J.H. McELROY
F/SGT. D.D. TAYLOR
SGT. P.R. ROACH
CPL. E. LEACH

Rear Base of Statue - Afghanistan

PTE. B. WILLIAMSON

Source: *"History of the Kemptville Cenotaph"* by Roy Brown.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**319 Prescott Street (County Road #44)
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0
Telephone: (613) 258-4136**

Map Reference 10 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.853' / W 075° 38.539'



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church proudly displays First and Second World War Honour Rolls and records from the North Grenville Presbyterian Pastoral Charge, including the former St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Oxford Mills and St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, East Oxford. Also stored on site are a series of binders researched and prepared by Donald Messenger, which contains background information on the names listed who made the Supreme Sacrifice. The following names on this page are engraved on a small brass plaque:

IN MEMORY OF THOSE OF
ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

1914 - 1918

HARRY CARSON
HORACE HUTCHINS
ARNOLD DILLANE
ROY MacKEY

1939 - 1945

WILLIAM BUCHANAN

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HONOUR ROLLS - continued...

ST. PAUL'S PREBYTERIAN CHURCH HONOUR ROLL
VETERANS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR
1914 - 1918

MEMBERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

HARRY CARSON	ROY MacKEY
ARNOLD DILLANE	ARCHIBALD McDIARMID
HORACE HUTCHINS	JOHN McDIARMID

HONOUR ROLL

LINDSAY ANDERSON	WILLARD MacKEY	THOMAS McMILLAN
HARRY CARSON	ELIHN MARSTON	ARTHUR MORGAN
HARRY CURTIS	ERROL MARSTON	J.W. NICHOLSON
ARNOLD DILLANE	LOUIS MARSTON	DOUGLAS SWAIN
A.C. HIGGS	ANNIE BRODERICK McDIARMID	J.J. SWAIN
HORACE HUTCHINS	ARCHIBALD McDIARMID	ERNEST VAN ALLEN
STUART HOLMES	COLIN McDIARMID	C.K. WALLACE
LEONARD MacINTOSH	JOHN McDIARMID	ANSON WOOD
ROY MacKEY	ERNEST McLEOD	

ST. PAUL'S PREBYTERIAN CHURCH HONOUR ROLL
VETERANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR
1939 - 1945

CHARLES ADAMS	ALLAN GORDON	J.S. HANKS
REV. B.D. ARMSTRONG B.A., D.D.	KENNETH GORDON	D. SOMERVILLE
R.D. ARMSTRONG	ROBERT GRAHAM	H. SOMERVILLE
INEZ ASHTON	O. GRICHEN	ROBERT TURNER
FRED BOAL	C.G. HELMER	D.S. VALCOUR
SECORD BOAL	LESTER KERR	ROBERT VALCOUR
CHARLES BRAYMAN	DONALD MacPHAIL	ORLAND WHALEY
P.C. BRAYMAN	REGINALD McGUGAN	GARNET WOOD
WILLIAM BUCHANAN	EWAN MORRISON	D. DIBB, J. DIBB ¹
RONALD COLE	JAMES RINTOUL	G. VAN DER VAART ²
JAMES DOOL	DAVID ROBERTSON	¹ - BRITISH / ² - DUTCH

FOR KING AND COUNTRY MEMBERS OF
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OXFORD MILLS
 WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE
 WITH CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES
1914 - 1918

HONOUR ROLL

ERNEST RUPERT DAVIE....
 Paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 5, 1917
 WILLARD STANLEY SLOAN
 HOWARD BERNICE HENDERSON
 WILLIAM LINDSAY ANDERSON
 RALPH SMITH MUNRO

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HONOUR ROLLS - continued...

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OXFORD MILLS
1939 - 1945

HONOUR ROLL

HOWARD BERTRAM HENDERSON
THOMAS DOUANE HENDERSON
CHARLES ARTHUR HENDERSON
RALPH SMITH MUNRO
DONALD ALBERT MUNRO
LAWRENCE HECTOR MUNRO
WILLIAM GARNET WRIGHT

JOHN PERRY MCNEIL
WILLARD STANLEY SLOAN
DONALD THOMAS LINDSAY
JAMES HARRIS LINDSAY
KEITH PHILLIP LAPLANTE
WILLIAM HAROLD ANDERSON
CLIFFORD LLOYD BRIGGS

ST. MATTHEW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EAST OXFORD
WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES
1914 - 1918

MEMBERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

JOHN E. McCRUM
Killed in Action - August 18th, 1917
ROBERT PERCY BARR
Killed in Action - October 30th, 1917
H. MILLBURN McCRUM
Killed in Action - October 30th, 1917

HONOUR ROLL

MELTON BARR
MURRAY BARR
SIDNEY DOUGHERTY

HARRY GORDON
CLIFTON A. JOHNSTON
FORD H. KING

ST. MATTHEW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EAST OXFORD
WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES
1939 - 1945

MEMBER WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

JOHN SHEARER

HONOUR ROLL

STANLEY W. McDONALD
CARMEN NEWANS
ELMER POLL
SIDNEY SMITH

JOHN SHEARER
EDWARD EARLE
HARVEY McFADDEN

Source: With the assistance of Donald Messenger, Church Historian.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

**400 Prescott Street (County Road #44)
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Map Reference 11 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.838' / W 075° 38.535'



St. John's United Church has a combined First and Second World War Honour Roll on display at this site which lists seventy-two parishioners who voluntarily served and are remembered by the congregation.

See page 23 for the list of names and the order in which they were recorded.

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH - continued...

WITH GREAT PRIDE AND DEEP GRATITUDE
WE RECORD THE NAMES
OF OUR MEMBERS ENLISTED IN THE SERVICES OF OUR KING AND COUNTRY

HONOUR ROLL

ATCHIE, THAYER
BEAMISH, ^{DR.} O.F.

BROWN, LYLE

BRUCE, LLOYD

BRUCE, K.E.

CHRISTIE, DON

CURRY, ERIC

CURRY, BYRON

CONSTABLE, A.A.

COTNAM, CLIFFTON

COTNAM, HAROLD

COOPER, OLIVER

CRAWFORD, DON

DAVIS, ERIC

DAVIS, WILSON

DAVIS, BRUCE J.

DEWAR, KEITH

DEWAR, ROEL

DANGERFIELD, INEZ

DANGERFIELD, ERROL

DOUGHERTY, EARL

EARLE, DALTON

EARLE, STANLEY

TARLING, ARTHUR

ELLIS, ALYMER

FRISBY, JAMES

GUEST, WILLIAM

HARVEY, ROBERT

HUTTON, ROBERT

HALPENNY, THEO A.

HALPENNY, HAROLD R.

HURLBERT, GORDON

HURLBERT, ARNOLD

JACKSON, WILLIAM

KEEGAN, RODNEY

KINGSTON, GEORGE

LEVERE, FRED

LEVERE, JOHN

McINTYRE, EARL

McFARLANE, FRED

McFARLANE, STANLEY

PATTERSON, HAROLD

PAYNE, GERALD

REDDICK, HAROLD

RUBY, ^{DR.} R.A.

SUTHERLAND, ERIC

SHIPMAN, JAMES

SHIPMAN, GARNET

SHIPMAN, MERVIN

SEYMOUR, DON

SEYMOUR, ^{WM.} J.

SAYEAU, HARRY

THOMPSON, BOWER

THOMPSON, CARMAN

VANALLEN, DWAIN

WILLIAMS, ^{DR.} OLIVER

WILSON, JOHN

BOWEN, GLEN

DRISCOLL, GEORGE

EDWARDS, EDWARD

FICKO, VERNA

GILES, ALLAN

LUTHER, GORDON

MILNE, HAROLD

REDDICK, GERALD

ROBINSON, STEWART

PEARSON, WILLIAM

SEYMOUR, CECIL

VANALLAN, DOUGLAS

McNICOL, BRUCE

STEWART, GARFIELD

VANALLEN, HARRY

Source: With the assistance of Reverend Lynda Harrison.

VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE PARK**National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-055****Map Reference 12** / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 04.926' / W 075° 37.857'

The Veterans' Commemorative Park is situated along The King's Highway 416 / Veterans Memorial Highway at the Exit 40 juncture with the Rideau River Road (County Road #19).

Veterans' Commemorative Park Background Information

The Veterans' Commemorative Park is a legacy project that was created during the 1999 International Year of Older Persons celebrations, with the intent of honouring Ontario Veterans for their military service. It came about through the collective efforts of the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command District G.

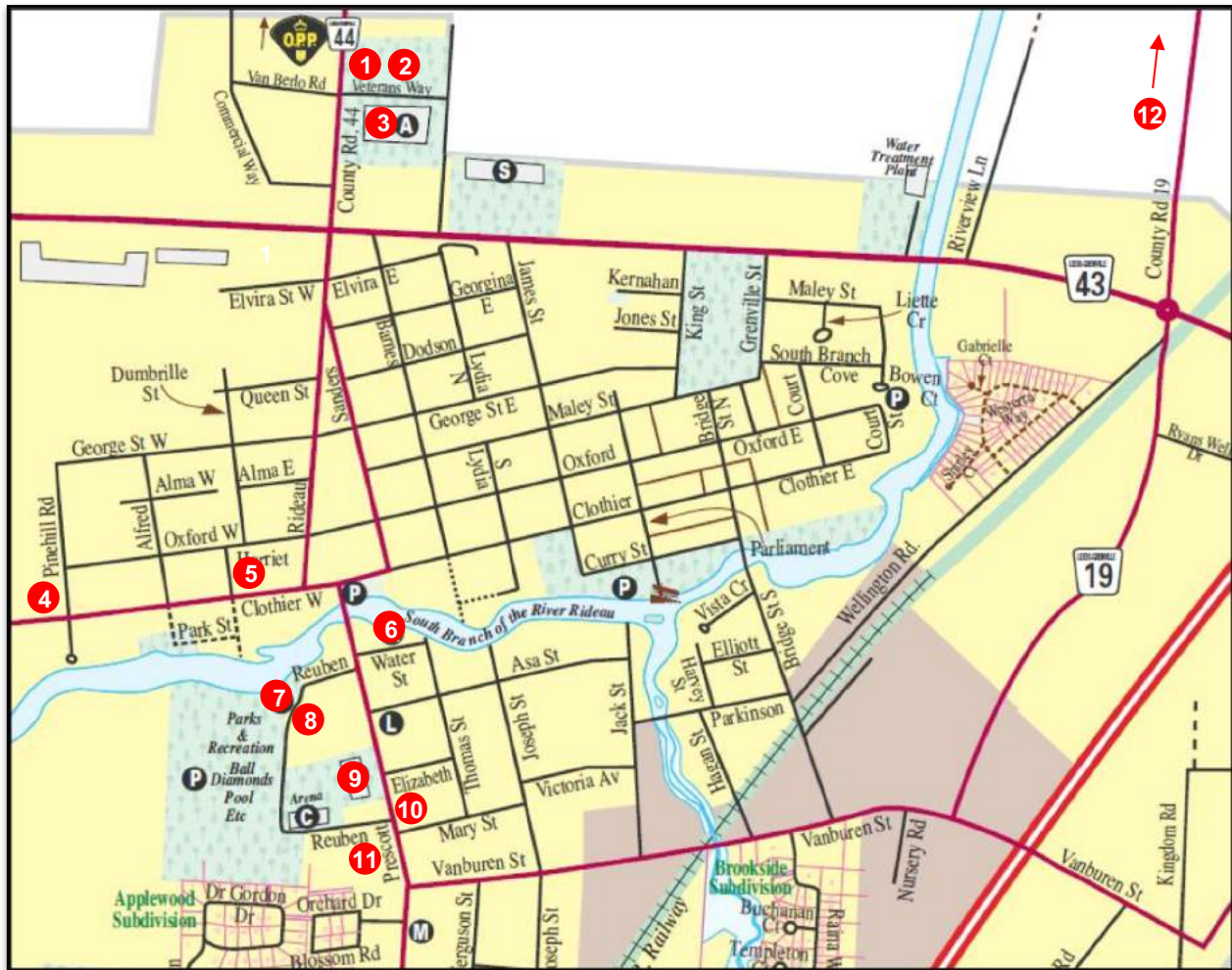
This site of Remembrance and Reflection features monuments, seating and gardens and is used for the annual District G Remembrance Day ceremonies and other Legion activities.

KING'S HIGHWAY 416 - VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35050-006**

The King's Highway 416, commonly referred to as Highway 416 and the Veterans Memorial Highway, is a multi-lane north/south Provincial Highway that links Highway 417 (Trans Canada Highway) in Ottawa with the Highway 401 interchange at Johnstown.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

NORTH GRENVILLE SITES OF REMEMBRANCE - REFERENCE MAP



Map Reference Points

Map #	Site	Street Address
1	Veterans Way (Memorial Plaques)	275 County Road #44 / Ferguson Forest Centre
2	Veterans Way Memorial Park	275 County Road #44 / Ferguson Forest Centre
3	North Grenville Municipal Centre	285 County Road #44 at Depencier Street
4	Holy Cross Church	503 Clothier Street West at Pinehill Road
5	St. James United Church	35 Clothier Street West at Harriet Street
6	North Grenville Historical Society	15 Water Street at Prescott Street
7	Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall	25 Reuben Crescent (west of Prescott Street)
8	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #212	100 Reuben Crescent (west of Prescott Street)
9	Kemptville Cenotaph	304 Prescott Street at Elizabeth Street
10	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	319 Prescott Street at Mary Street
11	St. John's Anglican Church	400 Prescott Street at Mary Street
12	Veterans' Commemorative Park	King's Highway 416 and County Road #19