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FIRST POPPY TO BE PRESENTED IN HONOUR OF CANADA'S FALLEN

Edmonton – The red poppy is an international emblem of remembrance. Officially adopted in Canada in 1921, the poppy represents the immeasurable sacrifices made by our men and women who died in the First World War and in later conflicts.

“Donning the poppy on our left lapel keeps the memories of our fallen members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force close to our hearts,” said the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. “It also expresses our continued support for our veterans as thanks for their significant service to our country.”

His Honour Colonel (Retired) Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, will be presented with the first poppy at a ceremony taking place October 30 at the Alberta Legislature. Other attending dignitaries and members of the public will also be presented with poppies from The Royal Canadian Legion.

First Poppy Presentation - Alberta Legislature Rotunda Thursday, October 30 at 11 a.m.

The presentation ceremony will be held in support of The Royal Canadian Legion's annual poppy campaign, which takes place from the last Friday in October until November 11, Remembrance Day. Proceeds from the campaign are used to provide direct assistance to Canada's veterans in need.

Remarks will be delivered by:

- Comrade Chris Strong, Alberta-NWT Command First Vice President
- Mr. David Eggen, MLA, on behalf of the New Democrat Opposition
- Dr. Raj Sherman, MLA, Leader of the Liberal Opposition
- Mr. Rod Fox, MLA, on behalf of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition
- Honourable Robin Campbell, on behalf of the Government of Alberta
- Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- His Honour Colonel (Retired) Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

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