

Editorial ? Remember those who served

It's a message that we hear and spread every year, yet it never becomes obsolete.

And let us hope it never does.

This coming Monday (Nov. 11) is Remembrance Day. Historically, it marks the day that the First World War ended. It was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars,' but history records there was a lot of wishful thinking in that statement.

There have been other wars that have followed since 1918, some of them much more terrible than what went on in the Great War. And in a lot of ways, things have grown worse. Innocents are much more involved than they once were. People can be at work in an office building that is targeted by terrorists.

That means people who serve in our military have been called upon to take up the cause, and it's no secret that some of them have gone abroad in the line of duty and never come home.

We are getting close to the time when every year we set aside some moments to remember these people.

There are a number of ways to do it in Caledon.

There will be services Sunday at two locations in town. People will gather to remember at the Royal Canadian Legion hall in Alton at 10 a.m. There will be a service at the Cenotaph in Bolton. That's scheduled to start at 12:45 p.m.

Remembrance day Monday will see a service at the Cenotaph outside Town Hall in Caledon East, beginning at 10:50 a.m

Reality is not everyone will be able to get to these services, but there are other ways to mark the occasion. Simply wearing the poppy is a sign of remembrance.

And even if that is not feasible, simply taking a few moments to remember and reflect on some of the events that have happened in the past, and still happen today, will help to honour the memory and sacrifices of those who have served.

It requires little from us, but it means a lot.